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MAKE A DIFFERENCE
During Massive Day of Service

Thousands of Latter-day Saints of all ages and from wards and stakes across the state participated in various projects as part of "Make A Difference Day" in October. Shown

here working together to complete a painting job for the Chandler Airport cleanup project are John Ballard and his son Matthew, of the Galveston 1st Ward, Chandler West Stake.



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Thousands of Latter-day Saints Participate in DAY OF SERVICE

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Manning shovels, rakes and paintbrushes, brooms, clipboards and gloves—and with willing hearts and helping hands—thousands of members of the Church and other community volunteers participated in a monumental day of service on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Local Church members and leaders volunteered their time and resources to support community causes and to cleanup and beautify areas in every part of the Valley from Phoenix and Scottsdale to Fountain Hills, Avondale, Queen Creek and Chandler.

Some of the projects were designed

as part of the USA Weekend Magazine's national Make a Difference Day, others earmarked as part of Chandler's first annual For Our City Day, and many simply designed to help neighbors within their own ward or stake boundaries;

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Shown here working on the Chandler Airport cleanup project are members of the Chandler West Stake, (l to r) Val Peterson of the Del Rio 1st Ward and, of the Pleasant 1st Ward, Ben Hays, Chandler Hays and Thomas Nameth.

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From This Moment
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Positive, contemporary and masterfully produced, Debbie West Coon's latest release, *You Are Loved*, will make your heart soar. *You Are Loved* features The City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra and duets with Justin Williams, George Dyer, Freddie Ashby and Richard Talbot. **See her music videos on debbiewestcoon.com.** Schedule Debbie for your next event and enjoy a wonderful evening of positive, inspirational music.



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but, irregardless of the format for their service, Latter-day Saints in Arizona, indeed, made a difference.

Three wards in the Gilbert Val Vista Stake organized projects of their own, while other stake members joined in an effort to support the inaugural "Walk for Change" 5K and one-mile fun run hosted by the Child Crisis Center in Mesa.

"It was an opportunity for us because the Child Crisis Center had never done a 5K that they

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themselves sponsored. This was something they wanted to put on to raise funds for the Center," says stake chair Karla Rosenlund, of the Lakeside Ward.

"Our stake is notorious for pitching in and helping," she says. "This was such a worthy cause and they just happened to be doing their run on the day that was Make a Difference Day."

Stake members started weeks before the event, gathering donations for the Center and making preparations for race day.

"We had the youth in one ward send out notices saying what kind of donations we were looking for.

They collected the donations and ended up with a pickup full of food, diapers, clothing and other necessities," Karla says. "Another pickup and trailer full of donations were collected at the stake center."

The stake also presented a bag of \$25 gift cards to the Center, and they made and donated 10 baby quilts.

For the race day bake sale, 100 cakes were donated by Desert United Church and the Val Vista Stake contributed another 50 items, including Rice Krispie treats and other goodies. Stake members stuffed 500 bags with coupons, water bottles and other giveaways for race day, and they helped lay out the course and created the starting line and the

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balloon arch for the finish line.

The day of the event, an estimated 300 Church member volunteers showed up at Riverview Park in Mesa, to help with registration, man the course and hand out ice and water, assist with parking, and staff the various booths and games that were available for participants and their children.

“We had a lot of manpower — and woman power, and the kids and youth were so engaged in helping as well,” Sister Rosenlund says. She adds that the Child Crisis Center was pleased with the results.

“In addition to the items that were donated, they raised \$14,000 on race day,” Karla says, “and we’ve gotten some amazing comments back from them. They told us, ‘You all showed up ready to work. We’ve never seen a volunteer force like that.’”

In the Scottsdale North Stake, approximately 180 people from eight LDS wards volunteered at one of four school buildings in the Scottsdale Unified School District and Paradise Valley Unified School District. On Saturday, October 29, the remaining two wards in the stake helped with landscaping and cleanup at Fountain Park in Fountain Hills.

“Last year was an interfaith effort and we worked at six locations in the Cave Creek School District,” says Dave Duke, of Desert Hills Ward and a member of the stake public affairs committee. He explains that their stake takes in each of these school districts.



Caption for “Cover Story 2”:
Doing their part to serve their community, about 180 members from eight wards in the Scottsdale AZ North Stake worked at four different locations, including this Paradise Valley Unified School District building where landscaping help was provided.

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“The schools are hurting in these economic times,” Brother Duke says. “It really benefits the schools to have things done that they can’t afford or have put off until the money is there. They were totally excited to have our help.”

Wards in the Chandler Alma Stake each took on a different project, everything from a food drive that

the Kleinman Ward did with United Food Bank to cleanup of Hoopes Park by the Amberwood Ward. The Woodglen Park Ward painted fences and curbs in Mesa, the Peralta Ward did a home painting project, the Liahona Ward repaired a home in their ward

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area and the Hartford Ward completed a project at a school in the Laveen School District. The Mesquite Ward participated in a joint community project at Chandler Municipal Airport as part of Chandler's For Our City Day.

Also participating in the airport project were members of the Chandler East, Chandler West and Tempe South stakes.

"The airport is very large, so this was a big project," says Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator with the City of Chandler. "Volunteers painted the interior and exterior of the terminal, hauled off trash and debris, removed weeds and trimmed trees."

"There were several hundred people there, and about two-thirds were from those four LDS stakes," says John Power, high council advisor over public affairs for the Chandler Alma Stake and a member of the For Our City—Chandler, Host Committee.

"The volunteers were just fabulous," Judy says.

In yet another part of the Val-

ley, approximately 500 college-aged students from the Tempe Arizona University Stake worked on projects to benefit Lodestar Day Resource Center in Phoenix. The volunteers helped clean and beautify the grounds, organize and process donations, paint the main dayroom, build a garden area, interview patrons to assess needs and other general cleaning and organizing.

"The Center is a wonderful organization that helps the homeless lift themselves to employment, sobriety and education," says Daniel Woolston, stake director of Public Affairs. He says the goal of the project was to "be a service to the community and to help those less fortunate around us, our fellow brothers and sisters."

Mesa North Stake participated in the Mesa Neighborhood Cleanup Project. More than 300 members of the stake helped to paint walls and curb numbers and clean up parks, alleys and canals. They also distributed fire safety bags and helped Mesa residents who needed assistance with painting and landscaping.

Church members from Peoria continued a 12-year tradition as they joined with the City of Peoria to participate in the "Peoria Pride Project." Volunteers worked to clean and



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As part of a statewide service day, members of the Amberwood Ward, Chandler Alma Stake, paint the curb near their building in Chandler. Shown here are (l to r) Brylee Zweifel, Jathen Zweifel, Emma Zweifel, Michelle Zweifel and (far right) Lucy Mangum.

enhance 15 to 25 homes in a neighborhood with the city providing materials, such as gravel, fencing material, paint, plants and trees and sometimes some heavy equipment.

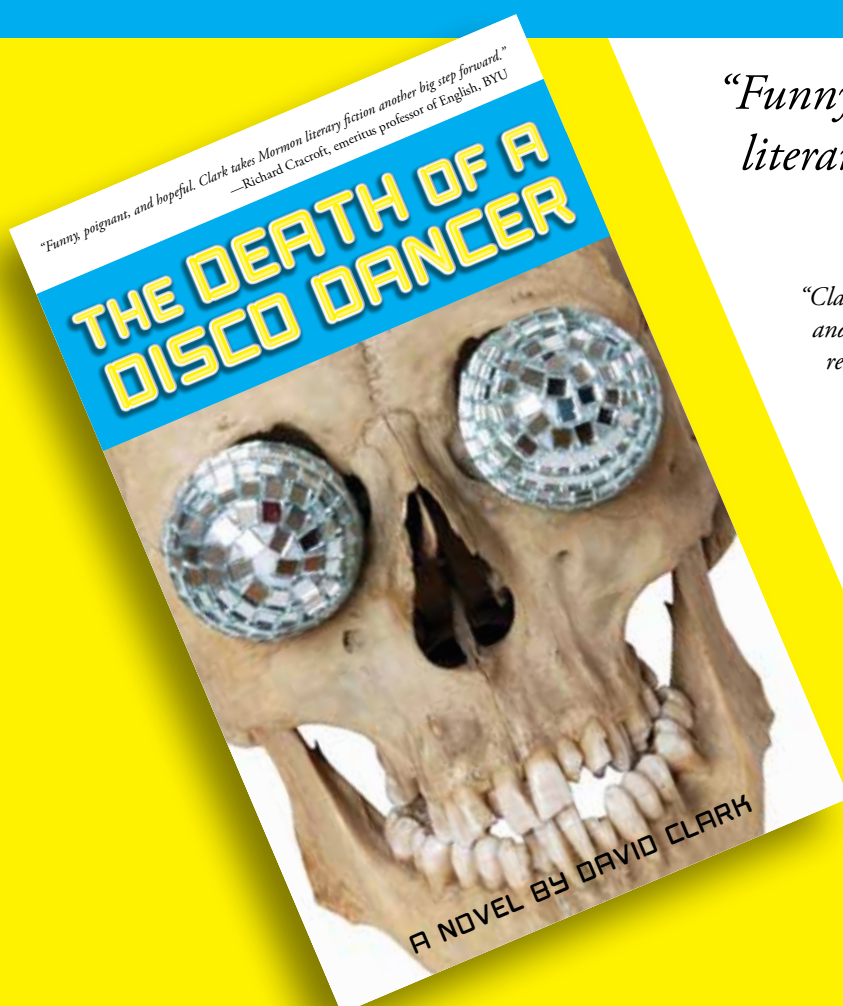
In Avondale and Tolleson, nearly 500 LDS volunteers worked to paint several homes and clean alleyways.

With the day of service behind them, many of the Arizona stakes are already making plans for next year's projects.

After all, they are still basking in the fun of working together and feeling the rewards of a job well done.

In an email to the organizers of his stake's day of service, Tom Curtis, counselor in the Val Vista Stake Presidency, expressed a sentiment that easily applies to all the volunteers, "Thank you for your stellar efforts and congratulations on a terrific job well done."

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Honestly, I had more interest generated off The Beehive ad and story than any other form of advertising we did. Plans are underway for next year and we will definitely be advertising with The Beehive again next year.

Thank you again for helping to make our event such a tremendous success.

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Dear Beehive:

I just read a wonderful article in The Beehive about the book published by Mary B. Katzenbach *Twin Trials and Triumphs in Ecuador*. I found it really interesting and look forward to also reading the book.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for publishing so many interesting articles in every issue of The Beehive. It's wonderful to get to know people and places, and be uplifted by inspiring stories of love and faith such as the many ones that are shared in every issue of the paper.

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Century Gardens Ward, Mesa Kimball East Stake

Dear Beehive:

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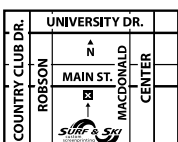
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GILBERT CENTER *Celebrates Life* WITH STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CORD BLOOD BANKING

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Former president of the Gilbert Val Vista Stake, Gale Brimhall says he celebrates “a whole new life” thanks to Celebration Stem Cell Centre (CSCC) of Gilbert.

The high-tech, cutting edge facility is just over a year old, having collected its first “cord blood” in September 2010. Yet, already, it is promising to be one of the world’s leading research centers for cord blood stem cell research, processing and storage, says Rob Schemitsch, director of business development.

“Stem cells are the ‘building blocks of life’ that form all other tissues, organs and other human systems in the body,” Rob explains.

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“The importance of cord blood is that it’s full of naïve stem cells that are ideal for transplant and may help in clinical research and treating of

disease,” Rob says. Already, stem cells from cord blood are being used to treat a variety of diseases—everything from cancers to blood disorders—and ongoing clinical trials are suggesting stem cells may have even wider application and treatment in immune system deficiencies, metabolic disorders and more.

President Brimhall participated in a blind study clinical trial after two heart attacks. His second occurred in 1997, a few months after he had been called as Stake President. Even after bypass surgery and having a defibrillator inserted, “I was still pretty limited,” he says. “I wasn’t able to run or do anything. I tired easily.”

Though he won’t know whether he actually received stem cells until the final study results are released in 2012, he says he is fairly confident he received the stem cells.

“The difference is dramatic. I’ve got a new life,” he says, adding, “This has been a great blessing with a lot of miracles involved in it too. We always want to give credit to Heavenly Father,



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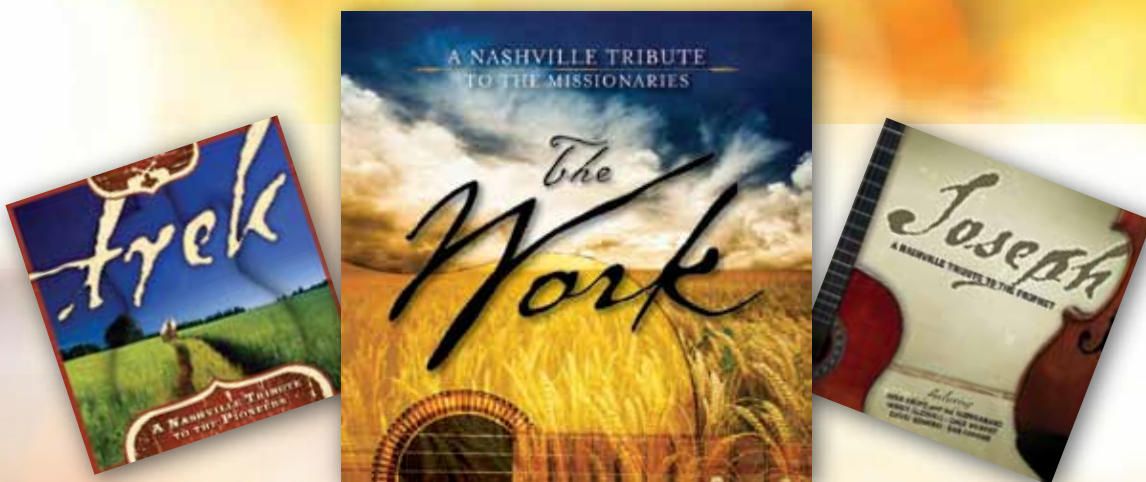
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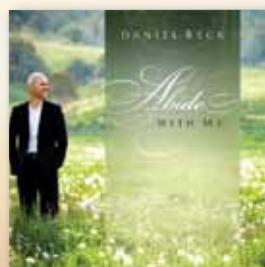
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By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

She doesn't relish change, isn't one to seek the spotlight. Yet, Jenee Prince was more than willing to accept a call as the new director of the Mesa Arizona Easter Pageant.

It's a spot that's been occupied by Nanci Wudel, who was called as the director in 2002 after serving four years as assistant director and as the pageant narrator two years prior to that.

Jenee says, "Nanci is one of the most admired women in my life. We have become great friends working in the Pageant together the past seven years."

As assistant director during those years, Jenee learned that "The pageant is a creative, spiritual, and miraculous process. We have the task of portraying

the life of the Savior in a way so that hundreds of thousands of people can feel the spirit in the beautiful Easter message. I am humbled to know that the Lord is going to guide us in the way we should do this. He always has—He always will."

She adds, "When I feel overwhelmed, I try to remember the quote by President Monson. He said, 'When you are on the Lord's errand, you are entitled to the Lord's help.' I am banking on that promise right now."

Jenee is grateful for excellent assistant directors, namely, Jef Rawls, who is serving for the ninth year as an assistant director; Dana Rodgers, who was called last year and Joe Tenney, who played the role

of the male narrator in the Pageant for a number of years.

"I rely on each of them; they each bring to the table different things. Together, we want to create the best environment and experience for the cast so, in turn, the audience can come away feeling a perfect spirit," Jenee says. "That's sometimes hard to do when we are all imperfect, but we are portraying the life of a perfect man, and where we fall short, the Lord always makes up the difference."

Born and raised in Mesa, Jenee is now a member of the Maricopa North Stake's 25th Ward. She and

Photo by Catherine Pitts Taylor

Jenee Prince, shown here with her husband, Ivan and their three children, served seven years as assistant director and has now has been called as the new director of the Mesa Arizona Easter Pageant.



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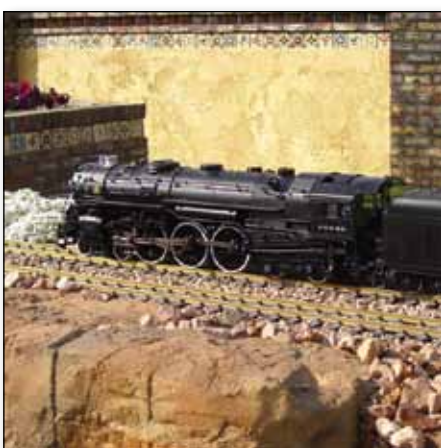
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Young Women PLAN NOW for Time to Blossom in 2012

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Take a week of exciting entertainment and lessons in self-esteem and poise, add service projects, comedy, fashion shows and more—and what you have is Time to Blossom, a conference for young women ages 12 to 18.

Time to Blossom, with the third year's sessions to be held in the summer of 2012, was started in 2010, created by Debbie Forrest and Carla Jorgensen, of Mesa.

"Time to Blossom is a unique experience for young women, designed to help them understand their self-worth and come to know that they are beautiful daughters of God, with powerful potential to make a difference in the

world," they say. "The Time to Blossom experience will help each young woman have confidence in herself and know that whatever she can believe, she can achieve."

This goal is accomplished in an interactive and hands-on setting, with lots of time for introspection and journal writing. Conference organizers emphasize kindness, courtesy and service to one another. The girls leave the conference having learned new concepts, but having actual experience in putting them into practice.

One conference presenter, Nanci Wudel, says, "From scrapbooking, to service projects, to speakers, to spiritual presentations, Time to Blossom



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Conference founders Debbie Forrest and Carla Jorgensen announce registration is now open for the two sessions of the third annual Time to Blossom young women's conference, featuring entertainment, speakers and interactive experiences to build testimony, confidence and self esteem.

is a total package of everything that's positive and uplifting."

Being there was "a wonderful experience," Nanci says. "It was like being in an explosion of happiness."

Again this year, speakers will share their insights and testimonies about

issues of particular interest to young women, including body image, etiquette, self-esteem and relationships. The speaker lineup for next summer includes: Hank Smith, John Bythe-

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Planning Time to Blossom 2012
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way, singer Alex Boye, Joy Gardner, Olympian Lacey Nymeyer, Bonnie Simonton, and others.

Again this year, the girls will participate in a project that will allow them to experience the rewards of service.

The girls will again participate in a fashion show as well. Time to Blossom has partnered with DownEast Basics, a company well known for creating and selling fashionable, modest clothing at reasonable prices. DownEast not only provides the apparel for the Time to Blossom fashion show, but they also have provided scholarships.

This summer, there will be two Time to Blossom sessions. For the first session, from May 29 through June 1, the location is the beautiful Legado Hotel & Conference Center in Gilbert. For this session, girls will spend the night in the hotel and classes will be held in the adjacent conference center.

For the second session, from June 5 to June 8, the young women will come in the morning and go home at the end of the day. This session will be at EVIT on Main Street in Mesa.

Registration for Time to Blossom is now open. For further details, visit Timetoblossom.com.

Stem Cell Research
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rounding stem cells, particularly reaching out to expectant parents and encouraging them to bank or to donate their baby's cord blood.

CSCC is the state's first center for public and "family" cord blood banking.

"With family banking, families pay a fee to have their baby's stem cells processed and stored in our facility." Those stem cells are a perfect genetic match for that baby and studies show these cells are often a close enough match that they could be used for other family members who may require a stem cell transplant.

As indicated in their ad in this Beehive, CSCC is offering a generous \$400 off coupon toward family banking.

"We also want to stress the importance of donating cord blood," Rob says. "It is free to do so, but, the only opportunity to collect cord blood is at delivery. Parents need to decide ahead of time and indicate their choice to donate the cord blood. If not banked or donated, cord blood is discarded as medical waste by the hospital."

Rob explains that, for both private banking and public donations, CSCC uses stringent federal standards for collection, storage and transport.

"Donated cord blood stem cells are then stored in our facility and made available to the medical community

around the world on a National Donor Registry."

He adds, "There is a desperate need and we would like to see more donations from various ethnic groups. Currently, African American, Hispanic, Asian and Native Americans patients who need stem cell transplants may have a difficult time finding a match on the national registry," he says. "Please consider donating your baby's cord blood. This precious resource may make all the difference for someone with a life-threatening disease or injury."

To learn more about cord blood banking options, visit www.CelebrationStemCellCentre.com or call 480-733-9963.

New Mesa Easter Pageant Director
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her husband, Ivan, have three children. A graduate of BYU with a bachelor's of fine arts in vocal performance and vocal pedagogy, Jenée is a popular TV and radio spokesperson and award-winning musical theater performer, including performances with Phoenix Theater, Southwest Shakespeare Company and as a soloist in Rob Gardner's "Lamb of God," "Joseph Smith, the Prophet" and "The Price of Freedom."

However, when it comes to music, her real love is teaching. Over the past

17 years, she has taught hundreds of young students in private and group lessons. "I love to see some of the joy I have for music transferred to them," she says.

In much the same way, she hopes to inspire the 450 Pageant cast members and 400 crew members as they work together on this year's Pageant.

"There will be some changes to some of the scenes. We are always trying to make the pageant fresh with the glorious soundtrack we already have," Jenée says, and, of course, "The cast is always 'new,' which means new faces, new action, and a new spirit they will

bring to the Pageant."

"It's a big production and nothing works without every piece—everyone's involvement is just as important as anyone else's to make this the wonderful community Easter tradition it has become."

The 2012 Pageant will be performed in English March 28, 29 and April 3 through 7 and in Spanish March 30 and 31. Performances begin at 8 p.m. in front of the Mesa Temple Visitors' Center at 525 East Main Street. For more information, visit www.EasterPageant.org



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The Tragedy of the Twin Towers Brings *Desire for the Gospel* of Jesus Christ

By Cindy R. Williams
 The Beehive

Deb Finelli of the Gilbert Greenfield Stake joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 2003. She says her search started on September 11, 2001, when the Twin Towers fell.

"I remember wanting desperately to

attend a church, but I didn't have one. ... I said a prayer that I might find one."

Two months later, she saw the PBS special, "Joseph Smith: American Prophet."

"The Spirit witnessed to me that this was true, that Joseph Smith was

a prophet. I was touched by the fact that Joseph and the pioneers persevered through endless persecution, with nothing to gain,"



Photo courtesy of Deb Finelli

Deb Finelli joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints after the events of September 11, 2001, prompted her to find a church she could attend.

Deb says.

Next, "I was interested in finding a Mormon. In April of 2003, my daughter asked if she could go to church with her classmate.

I was delighted to discover it was an LDS Church and I agreed only if she'd allow me to go with her."

They attended the Allen Ranch Ward, where, "Everyone was very kind and enjoyed hearing my story of

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have “Miltons and Shakespeares of our own.” Previous Whitney Award recipients include Orson Scott Card, Gerald Lund, Kerry Blair, Dean Hughes, Dave Wolverton, Jamie Ford, Brandon Sanderson and others.

A book requires at least five reader nominations to be considered. Once entered, a panel of five judges, using a

complex voting process, narrows the field to five finalists in each category. The Whitney Academy—made up of hundreds of successful authors, reviewers, editors and publishers—then reads all the books selected as finalists before casting a final vote.

To submit your nominations for the 2011 Whitney Awards, go to www.whitneyawards.com or www.ldstorymakers.com and click on the link to nominate books in as many of the seven genre categories as you choose: general fiction, historical fiction, romance, mystery/suspense, speculative (sci-fi/fantasy), young adult general and young adult speculative. The nomination deadline is Dec. 31, 2011.

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how I learned of Joseph Smith via the PBS channel,” Deb says. “I remember a few people telling me I wasn’t supposed to be there, I was in the wrong place (referring to the wrong ward) and I remember thinking, no ... I saw the sign out front and it said ‘visitors welcome’ ... I can be here.”

The following week, Deb ran into Mickie Niland. She says, “Mickie had been praying for a way to meet me. She had heard ... that I was an investigator at Allen Ranch; I lived in the Ray Ward boundaries, and Mickie was a ward missionary there.”

During lunch the next day, Mickie asked if Deb would meet with the missionaries. She said yes.

“I enjoyed each and every lesson with incredible awe. I was amazed at the similarities of the Mormon faith to that of my own personal beliefs. It never occurred to me that I would ‘join’ the LDS Church; I just wanted to ‘attend.’ So, when the missionaries proposed a baptism date, I was a little floored,” she says. “I went home and prayed about it and I got my answer. I was to get baptized on June 21, 2003.”

Sister Finelli says Mickie’s friendship helped tremendously.

“President Hinckley gave a talk about the importance of friendship to those that join the church; this is so true. Mickie is by far the best ever member missionary. We are best friends and we have enjoyed this fabulous journey together every step of the way.”

Going to the temple is one of Deb’s favorite things about being LDS.

“It’s a little piece of heaven right here on earth ... We are so blessed as Latter-day Saints to have this privilege,” she says.

Sister Finelli’s daughter was baptized in 2008, her son in 2010, and, “I have a wonderful, very supportive non-member husband,” she says. “We tease him that he’s a ‘dry Mormon.’ Occasionally he attends church with us, and he always accompanies me to the ward functions.”

“Looking back now, I think Heavenly Father had a plan for me. When we ask for further light and knowledge and we are ready to receive it, we get it, it’s that simple.”



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**Helps Provide Dental Care for
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The Smile Back Foundation, founded by Kristin Robison, third from left, provides scholarships for orthodontic and dental care, one of which each year goes to a student at Sunshine Acres home for abandoned or homeless children.

**By Jessica Ross
The Beehive**

Kristin Robison of the Hermosa Vista Ward and Stake knows firsthand how beneficial orthodontic care is. Her husband of 14 years, Dr. Tyler Robison, opened his practice in 1991, and over the years, the couple has seen more than their fair share of success stories at his orthodontic office.

Sadly, they have seen just as many cases where children go without care due to lack of funds. Sister Robison spoke adamantly of the need for orthodontic and dental care for these children. She explains that state-funded programs offer little help, if any; and, most families don't receive orthodontic care through the Medicaid agencies that offer other health care programs to

low-income Arizona residents.

After 10 years of seeing both the positive effects of proper orthodontic care, and the negative toll it can take on a child's self esteem when their care is neglected, Sister Robison decided to give back.

In 2011, she started the Smile Back Foundation, and—with the help of her assistant, Cindy Kellis; her husband, Dr. Robison; and the eight other dentists, orthodontists, oral surgeons, and medical doctors on the board, they are well on their way to giving needy children their smiles back.

This is the first year the Smile Back

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Returning as director will be Mark Denton from Chandler Gilbert Community College, and concert master will be Dr. Walt Temme, orchestra director from Mountain View High School. Full orchestra and soloists will be provided. Music scores will be available or you may bring your own.

Following the program, enjoy refreshments and holiday entertainment. Please wear Sunday dress or dressy casual attire.

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Foundation has been in service, and they already have two scholarship winners who will receive full orthodontic and dental care over the next two years. Each year, the foundation will award one of their scholarships to a child from Sunshine Acres, which is a home for children who have been abandoned, who are homeless, or whose parents are in prison. The other scholarship will be awarded to a student in one of the local high schools. Both will be announced at the awards dinner December 1, and treatment will begin in January.

Anyone under 18 can apply for the Smile Back scholarship; but they must be able to communicate with others about their care and give 15 hours of service.

"We want them to play a part in the process," says Sister Kellis of the Edgewood Ward, Kimball East Stake. Smile Back is giving out two

scholarships this year and hope to increase that number as more doctors and donors come on board.

Sister Robison says, "We only had six applicants this year, but hope for more, and to award more scholarships in the future."

They have already started accepting applicants for next year. Deadlines are April 1 and October 1, and four students will be awarded in 2012.

Smile Back will host a benefit dinner in January, as well as the awards dinner in December.

For anyone who would like to help in their efforts to give children back their smiles, Smile Back eagerly welcomes new doctors to the support the cause or serve on the board; and the organization appreciates any and all donations. They also are looking for applicants for future scholarships.

To learn more about Smile Back and how you can become involved, visit smilebackfoundation.com or contact Sister Kellis at cindy@robinsonortho.com.

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6. Will My Spouse Have to File With Me?

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By Jill B. Adair
The Beehive

Saints in Arizona: A Countdown to the **STATE'S CENTENNIAL**

Women's Suffrage Takes Root in Arizona

Years before the U.S. Congress passed the 19th Amendment, the rough-and-tumble Western state of Arizona, still in its infancy, passed a women's suffrage initiative giving the right to vote to its female citizens.

Local historians say that right was gained, in part, due to the strong support of the LDS Church and its members.

"The Mormons did not lead the fight," said Melanie Sturgeon, director of Arizona's History and Archives Division at the Arizona State Library and member of the Mesa South Stake,

"but they had always been supportive of it."

Jean Bickmore White, in the Utah History Encyclopedia, states women's suffrage was won twice in Utah. It was granted first in 1870 by the territorial legislature but revoked by Congress in 1887; it was restored in 1895, when the right to vote and hold office was written into the constitution of the new state.

Historical accounts of the new Arizona territory relate that the women's suffrage movement was organized in the early 1890s but largely ignored

Mormon women at first. In 1901, Frances Willard Munds assumed leadership and, along with fellow suffragist Pauline O'Neill, vowed to reach out to the Mormons and welcome them into the new Arizona Equal Suffrage Association.

According to the Encyclopedia of Women in the American West, Munds, a former teacher, had lived and taught among LDS families in Pine and Payson, where she had come "to admire their hardworking and law-abiding ways."

"Munds invited Mormon women

to hold formal positions in the organization, and worked with Mormon legislators to introduce and support suffrage bills," records state.

Sister Sturgeon says women were also recruited during this time by Laura Gregg, a representative of the National American Woman Suffrage Association who came to Arizona and spent months in Apache and Graham counties—predominately Mormon communities.

"She helped bring 1,500 new members to the suffrage group," says

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Roy Mongane Finds **Political** **Asylum** and the **Gospel** of **Jesus Christ**



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When it became unsafe to stay in their own country, of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Roy Mongane and his family began the long, arduous process that ultimately granted him political asylum and led them to become members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

As a young man in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Roy Mongane witnessed horrible atrocities.

"I continued to observe the abuses of the soldiers as they came to my village ... to steal, rape, maim, abuse and

kill the men, women and children," he wrote.

Roy helped organize efforts to stand up to this brutality. Because he did so, he became a target, a hunted

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Roy Mongane Finds Gospel
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man. He was arrested and put into prison—"a hole dug into the ground. It had no running water, medication or sanitation facilities."

Thanks to intervention by some friends, he eventually left the prison and was able to get a visa.

In July 2005, "he came to the U.S. without knowing anyone and without knowing any English and without knowing how our immigration system worked. He thought it might take a few weeks to get his family here from Africa," says Shelly Olsen, Roy's Arizona mentor.

Unfortunately, the immigration process is complex and Roy had a hard time finding answers. He did, however, find spiritual answers.

A friend, Carlos Rigby, invited Roy to attend the LDS Church, and Roy was eventually baptized.

"When God is calling you to join his church, He can find you anywhere you are," Roy says.

Still he faced the challenge of navigating the immigration system. He eventually was imprisoned again, this time in a U.S. prison, on an immigration violation.

"On Oct. 2, 2006, I was transferred on airplane from the Michigan Prison to a prison in Ohio and then to a deportation center in Eloy, Arizona," he explains. There, in December 2006, he was bonded out by Carlos Rigby.

After four agonizing years, Roy was granted political asylum in September 2009.

He moved from Virginia to Arizona in January 2011 and stayed with friends in Queen Creek. Roy was finally given permission to bring his family to the United States in March 2011.

He needed to quickly find a home and furnish it. Within three days, members of Roy's Montelena Ward, Queen Creek Stake had located a rent-

al home, donated everything needed to furnish a complete household, and the Relief Society and Elder's Quorum began moving the items in.

But, when Roy's wife, Rachel, and children—Ansy, 10; Alice, 8; John, 7; and Joseph, 5—arrived at Los Angeles International Airport, they were detained in customs and immigration for nearly four hours, causing them to miss all connecting flights to Phoenix.

Not wanting Rachel and the children to be stranded there alone, Roy's friends in Arizona used LDS.org, to find the meetinghouse closest to LAX and called the bishop. Bishop Jim Hepworth and his wife went to the airport, found the family, made arrangements for them to stay in a motel for the night, then took them back the airport in the morning.

When they arrived at Sky Harbor airport, they were greeted by about 50 people, cheering, clapping and crying.

"I had been apart from them for six years. My wife was two months pregnant when I last saw them, so I got to see my son for the first time in March," Roy says.

"It was a joyous reunion," Shelly says. "For the first time in many, many years, this family has peace and safety."

The children were enrolled in school in Queen Creek and Rachel and the girls began taking the missionary discussions. On July 9, 2011, Roy baptized Rachel, Ansy and Alice.

"Roy has suffered, been tortured, almost killed, and endured many setbacks and hardships, just to obtain the blessing of freedom and peace that Americans enjoy," Shelly says. "He has had many, many trials and he has endured them well."

Roy, who now serves as an advisor to the Young Men in the Stonecrest Ward, Queen Creek Stake, says, "It feels really good," to have found the gospel of Jesus Christ. "Next year, my family will go to the temple," Roy says. "That will be very, very good."



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Senior Couple from Arizona Serve another Mission: Kyiv Ukraine Temple

Long-time Arizona residents, Owen and LuAnn Ose, at the Kyiv Ukraine Temple where they are currently serving a mission.



Photo courtesy Owen Ose

By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

Long-time Arizona residents, Owen and LuAnn Ose, are no strangers to missionary service. Prior to their marriage, they each served fulltime missions from 1963 to 1965; him in California and her in Florida.

As senior couple missionaries, they spent six months at Martin's Cove, Wyoming, in 1999; and, in 2003, they spent six months at the Deseret Land and Livestock Ranch in Utah where they managed hand cart treks. While living in Utah, Owen worked as a service missionary with the Audio/Visual Engineering Department on Temple Square during 2006 and 2007. From there the couple served in the Nauvoo Illinois Temple in 2007 and 2008.

Wayne Peterson, Nauvoo Temple President, made note of their abilities and recommended them for their current mission at the temple in Kyiv, Ukraine. President Peterson, who had

previously been the Area Authority for Eastern Europe and Russia, felt that Brother Ose's experience as an Assistant Engineer and an ordinance worker would prove helpful when the temple opened in Kyiv. Brother Ose is now the default Audio/Visual Engineer for the Kyiv Temple.

The Oses arrived in Kyiv in July 2010 and will remain until June 2013. The Kyiv Temple district is the largest in the world; taking in 10 different countries.

"The patrons go to great expense to come here and are very faithful, dedicated LDS pioneers in their own right," says Sister Ose.

Although the Ose's left for this mission from the Lake Ridge 6th Ward, Magna Utah South Stake, they will be returning to the home they own in the Ocotillo Ward, Apache Junction Arizona Stake.

Sister Ose is well-known through-

out the Phoenix Valley as the "Thomas Jefferson Lady." For over 26 years she has visited schools and shared tales about Jefferson. Sister Ose brings a bag interesting little items, each a reminder of something from Jefferson's life. She allows children to reach into the bag, pull out a treasure and then she spins the story from there, saying, "Oh, this reminds me of the time that President Jefferson ..." People of all ages enjoy her presentation.

Sister Ose has taken "Thomas Jefferson" along on her missions. "While serving at Martin's Cove in 1999, I visited all the elementary schools but one in Casper, Wyoming, telling my Thomas Jefferson stories," she says. When she served at the Deseret Land and Livestock Ranch, she was able to tell her stories to students at schools

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Couple Serve in Ukraine Temple Continued from pg. 23

in Evanston, Wyoming. She is looking forward to picking up where she left off when she returns to the states.

Brother and Sister Ose are the parents of six children. They have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sister Ose was born and raised in Southern California and is the descendent of many early pioneers of the Church. Brother Ose was born and raised in Granite Falls, Minnesota. He joined the Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1962, while in the military, making him the pioneer of his family. Brother Ose has taken a leave of absence from work with the Hewlett-Packard Corporation twice to serve missions.

"We want our experience and story to influence other senior couples to consider missions. They do not have to wait until they retire as there are more and more six-month missions being made available by the Church all the time," say the Oses.

Women's Suffrage Takes Root Continued from pg. 18

Sister Sturgeon, "And 14 out of the 32 members of the main committee were Mormon women."

During the state's constitutional convention, supporters tried to include the provision into the document but because of political concerns with Congress granting statehood it was denied.

However, immediately after Arizona became the 48th state in February 1912, supporters gathered enough signatures to put the initiative on the ballot – using for the first time the initiative process of the new state's constitution.

In the state's first election, the ballot initiative was approved in every county.

"Election returns for counties that were predominately Mormon showed that it passed there by overwhelming numbers," says Sister Sturgeon.

Arizona became one of 15 states granting women's right to vote long

before suffrage was obtained nationally in 1920.

Two years after the election, the first women elected to any state legislature were elected in Arizona.

One was Munds, the other one was a Mormon woman from St. Johns—Rachel Allen Berry.

According to her 1978 obituary, Sister Berry was born in Utah, daughter of Rufus C. Allen, who had been a member of the Mormon Battalion. She married William Berry in Utah and together with their two children journeyed to Arizona in 1881. It took them three months to arrive in St. Johns.

She had five more children, and her eldest son was murdered at the age of 20.

Representing Apache County, she took her seat in the Arizona House of Representatives in January 1915 and served a two-year term.

She was a member of the Education Committee, and it was noted that, as a grandmother, she was concerned with issues involving education and child welfare. She was also chairman of the Good Roads Committee.

When she retired from the state legislature, researchers state that she continued to work on children's issues as chair of a county child welfare board and was active in her church responsibilities as president of Relief Society.

She successfully advocated the adoption of the state flag used today, but unsuccessfully fought to banish cigars and chewing tobacco in the Legislature.

Still, the path she and Munds carved set the example.

An article about the two women in the Overland Monthly publication in 1916 states: "If these two women have not been always successful in their legislative ventures they have at least blazed the trail for a multitude that is to follow them."

Editor's note: On Feb. 14, 2012, Arizona will celebrate its centennial. Until then, The Beehive will include stories examining the influence of Latter-day Saints in the state.

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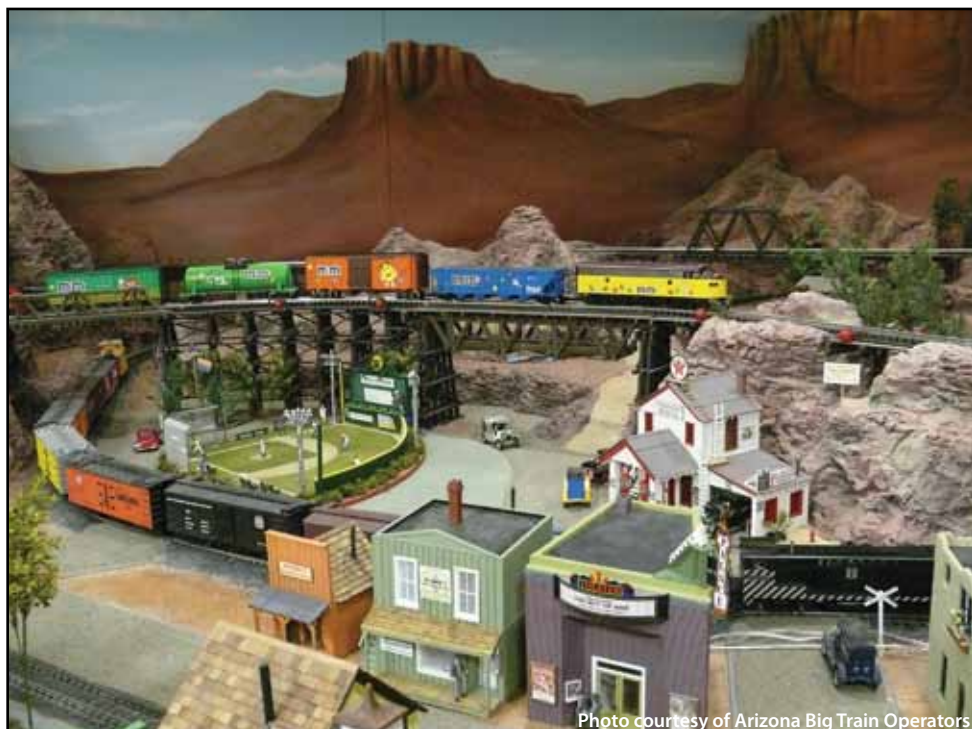


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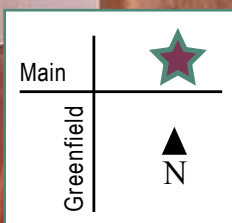
Arizona Big Train Operators Open **BACKYARD RAILROADS** for Annual Christmas Tour

The Arizona Big Train Operators' annual Christmas open house
will include a tour of the G-scale backyard railroads at 15
homes & the display at the Cardon Children's Medical Center.

By Cecily Markland, The Beehive

Again, during this year's holiday season, members of Arizona Big Train Operators (ABTO) will open their backyard G-scale railroads for the organization's annual Christmas open house tour.

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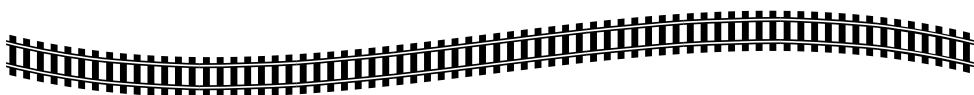
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Backyard Railroads Tour Continued from pg. 24

This annual event is fun for “kids of all ages” as they watch the trains running in the garden railroads. A total of 15 homes as well as the train layout at the Cardon Children's Medical Center will be open to visitors.

The railroads are located around the Phoenix area and in the West Valley, East Valley, Sun Lakes and Gold Canyon and the tours will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on December 10, 11, 17 and 18

For details and maps to the locations, visit the ABTO website at azbigtrains.org and click on the Christmas Train. The site includes a link to watch a video highlighting some of the key points and showing some of the layouts that will be open during the open house tour.

While admission is free, voluntary donations will be accepted at each layout and used to support ABTO activity throughout the Valley, including the maintenance of the train layouts at the Phoenix Children's Hospital and Cardon Children's Medical Center.

Law society hosts benefit golf tournament

The ASU Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society has announced that it will host a golf tournament to benefit a scholarship fund in the name of Alan Matheson for an ASU law student. All attorneys and business professionals are invited to participate. This annual event, scheduled for the first Saturday after April General Conference, gives professionals an opportunity to get together each year.

This year's event will be Saturday, April 14, with a shotgun start in the morning. Early-bird registration of \$130 per person by February 10, 2012. After that, registration is \$140 per person, \$500 for a group of four. Price includes lunch, cart, green fees and prizes. The law society is currently seeking corporate sponsors for this event as well. To register and for more information, visit <http://asulawgolf.com/>.

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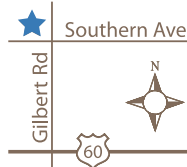
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drive Mike Drysdale to walk again

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Nineteen years ago, in June 1992, Mike Drysdale, had graduated from Mesa's Mountain View High School and was close to turning in his papers to serve an LDS mission.

Then, in a tragic moment, on the interstate near Beaver, Utah, Mike's life changed forever when a tire blew on his Ford Pinto. He swerved out of control and rolled violently before coming to a stop.

"My neck was broken between the C-3 and C-4 vertebrae," he explains. "I also suffered a closed-head injury."

Two paramedics happened to be near the accident scene. Finding Mike not breathing and without a heartbeat, they immediately performed CPR, revived him, then rushed him to Beaver Valley Hospital, where two doctors who were members of the Church, "saw my CTR ring ... and gave me a priesthood blessing," Mike says.

Still, in a deep coma, Mike was flown to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. There, for three weeks, he lay unconscious. Doctors urged his family to take him off life support.

Instead, he says, they "fasted and prayed and, as my mom tells it, I came out of the coma just as they completed their fast."

"Much like the doctors warned, I could not talk. I could not breathe without a respirator and had no movement or sensation from the neck down."

Until recently, most doctors continued to suggest full recovery was impossible, but, after 19 years, of steady, unrelenting persistence, Mike has started to prove them wrong.

"From the beginning, I had only one goal in mind: to walk again. Nothing else was good enough," Mike says. "I have always just looked forward



Photo courtesy of Michael Drysdale

Nineteen years after a rollover accident nearly took his life, and due to hours of persistence and determination, an active--and walking--Michael Drysdale (center) enjoys time with his son, Kyran, 13, and daughter Karli, 9.

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Jon Schmidt Concert!

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to walking again and that has always been what I strive for.”

Three and a half years ago, Mike started videotaping and posting online the “walking therapy” he was doing at the mall with Steve Hugo.

“He would get me standing, then I would grab the railing. Steve would hold my left arm and I would walk,” Mike says. Soon, he was able to hold the rail and walk without Steve’s assistance.

Then, about a year and a half ago, Mike experienced a setback when he was involved in another car accident.

“I broke my right ankle and left knee and had to have surgery to have screws put in,” he says.

When he started walking again, “I had lost all my strength I’d gained from before,” but he found inner strength to try again.

This summer, he set a new goal and began posting videos on a new website—www.mikewalksagain.com. He now works with Corey Baumgartner, “who helps me with any personal needs I have—therapy, walking and much more,” Mike says.

“My goal continues to be independence, without a wheelchair,” he says. “Recently, I chose my 20th high school reunion (summer 2012), as my goal date for walking without ANY assistance.”

Naturally, Mike has had discouraging moments, but “I have never doubted that with hard work, determination and the knowledge that God can fix anything HE wants, I can escape my wheelchair.”

Mike’s children, Karli and Kyran, give added motivation.

“My children will always love me, but if I can get out of this wheelchair, I’ll be able to do more with them and enjoy a lot more together.”

Mike, of the Boulder Creek Stake, also devotes himself to another passion: songwriting. Friends have helped put his songs to music, and many have been performed in firesides and other public settings. He hopes to ultimately produce a CD and use the proceeds to aid in his rehabilitation efforts.

Mike says, “In order to realize a goal, you must first believe that you can. Let’s be real, maybe I won’t have all of my rehabilitative goals completely accomplished by the dates I’ve put in place, but so what! I’ll be closer than I am right now, and I’ll continue persevering until I accomplish all I’m striving for.”

Note: Videos of Mike’s remarkable improvement from about three years ago are at: <http://www.myspace.com/jvgvlufluyfydykik/videos/all>; videos from February 2011 until present are at: <http://mikewalksagain.com/> or <http://www.youtube.com/mikeydrysdale>



Jon Schmidt

returns to Arizona for a
Christmas Concert with
cellist Steven Sharp Nelson

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Jon Schmidt is internationally known for his unique piano style. He calls it “New Age Classical.” Audiences call it “fun,” “refreshingly unusual” and “exhilarating.”

According to his Arizona promoter, Jennifer Hughes, what Jon Schmidt does with a piano is far from “stuffy” or “boring.”

This December, Arizonans will judge that for themselves, as, for the eighth year running, Jon brings a

Christmas concert to Mesa on Saturday, December 10.

Joining Jon for the concert will be cellist Steven Sharp Nelson.

“Together, Jon and Steven Sharp Nelson have made quite a name for themselves on YouTube. They have several YouTube hits that have had several million views,” Jennifer says.

Among those are “Love Story Meets Viva la Vida” and “Michael Meets Mozart,” two numbers Jennifer

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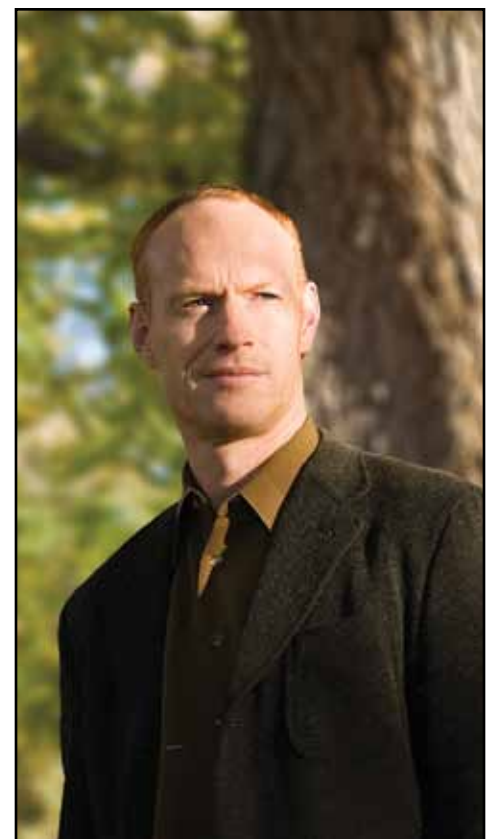


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Internationally known for his unique, refreshing and fun piano style, Jon Schmidt will return to Arizona for the eighth year running to present a Christmas concert this December.

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New Presidency Called for SNOWFLAKE Arizona Temple

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

A new presidency, with Norris Alvin Baldwin, Sr., as president, was recently called to serve in the Snowflake Arizona Temple.

Dedicated on March 3, 2002, the Snowflake Temple was the second temple in Arizona, the 108th worldwide. The 17,500 square-foot, royal rose and peach granite edifice sits atop a hill, with a beautiful water feature.

The Snowflake Temple serves 11 stakes, including Chinle, Eagar, Flagstaff, Holbrook, Pinetop-Lakeside, Show Low, Snowflake, St. Johns, Taylor, Tuba and Winslow stakes.

In the nearly 10 years since its dedication, the temple has been presided over by presidents Leon T. Ballard

from 2002 to 2005, Larry B. Brewer from 2005 to 2008, Lewis N. Tenney from 2008 to 2011 and, currently, President Baldwin.

President Baldwin, 73, and his wife and the temple matron, Fawnette Black Baldwin, are members of the Taylor 6th Ward, Taylor Stake.

President Baldwin, a Taylor native, was serving as the Taylor Stake President at the time and spoke at the temple groundbreaking.

"We had prayed for many years for a temple to be built right here. ... When President Hinckley announced the temple, we were thrilled to have it happen," he says.

Just prior to his call, President Baldwin served as a ward mission



Photo by Marguerite Smith

The new presidency that has been called to serve in the Snowflake Arizona Temple are (l to r) Thomas L. Palmer, first counselor; Gretna Palmer, assistant to the matron; Norris A. Baldwin, temple president; Fawnette Baldwin, matron; Leslie Johnson, assistant to the matron; and R. Wayne Johnson, second counselor.

leader and as a temple ordinance worker. In addition to stake president, he has been a stake president's counselor, high councilor and bishop.

Sister Baldwin was serving as a Gospel Doctrine teacher and a temple ordinance worker. She has served as a ward Relief Society president and counselor in the past.

President Baldwin's testimony of temple service was solidified as they worked as temple ordinance workers

in the Snowflake Temple and from the temple experiences they had in Hong Kong while serving as senior couple missionaries in the Asia Area Mission.

"We served there for a year and a half and while we were there, we worked at the Hong Kong Temple one day a week," President Baldwin says.

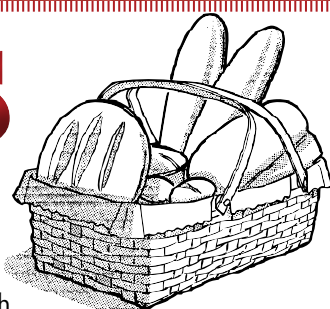
Like President Baldwin, the two counselors in the new temple presi-

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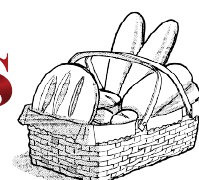
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Jon Schmidt Christmas Concert
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says come from a unique Jon Schmidt-Steven Sharp Nelson approach.

“They take songs everyone knows and loves and smash them up together and make them one song,” Jennifer says. “It’s really impressive, really fun to watch.”

In addition to numbers with Steven, the Arizona concert will feature Jon performing several of his own.

Jon, a Salt Lake City native, began playing Mozart sonatas and composing music at age 11. He began making a name for himself performing benefit shows during his college years. Now, married and a father of five, he uses his music to provide for his family.

As evidenced by his over 3 million downloaded songs, eight popular albums and seven volumes of original piano scores, Jon’s fan base continues to grow. This, Jennifer explains, is because his music “touches people of all ages and cultures. It is positive and upbeat, extremely inspirational, without being boring or stuffy.”

She says audiences experience a mixture of emotions as Jon moves from dramatic, reflective music into exciting, fan-pleasing tricks and techniques, and “silly, funny things that keep the audience laughing.”

Snowflake AZ Temple Presidency
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dency have served as stake presidents in the past. Thomas L. Palmer, First Counselor/Recorder, and his wife, Gretna, assistant to the matron, are members of the Flagstaff Stake, where he formerly served as stake president. R. Wayne Johnson, 2nd Counselor/Temple Engineer and his wife, Leslie Whiting Johnson, assistant to the matron, now from the Show Low Stake, lived in Mesa for a number of years and he served as the Mesa East Stake President.

D. Kent Rhoton, First Counselor in the outgoing temple presidency says their release comes with “mixed emotions.”

“It has been such a pleasure,” he says. “We know so many people we never would have met if we had not served. It has been a great experience to get out among the people in the temple district.”

The Snowflake Temple, located at 1875 West Canyon Drive in Snowflake, has sessions in English on Tuesdays through Saturdays. The Snowflake Temple also offers sessions in Spanish and Navajo. For a complete schedule, visit <http://lds.org/church/temples/snowflake-arizona> or call 928-536-6626

“We’re a busy temple, one of the busiest small temples,” Brother Rhoton says. “It’s just a beautiful little temple.”

Another Jon Schmidt signature is in his interaction with the audience.

“He may come out and say something like, ‘John wants to know if Christy will go to prom with him,’” or fulfill some other audience member request.

“He still says one of the highlights of his career was when he reunited a soldier and his family,” Jennifer says.

He announced that someone in the audience had won a prize and they were to check under their seats. When the family found the planted paper

planted, he brought them on stage and then brought out their “prize.”

Jennifer, who is a member of the Santa Rita Ward, Mesa Desert Ridge Stake, first heard Jon Schmidt play eight years ago at Tuachan theater in southern Utah.

“I became a quick fan.”

Jennifer met Jon after the concert and asked him if he’d consider doing a concert in Arizona.

“He said, ‘You set up a concert and I’ll come right down.’ That was eight years ago and I’ve been setting up an

annual Arizona concert for him ever since,” she says.

This year’s concert, “Christmas with Jon Schmidt and Steven Sharp Nelson” will be Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m. at Red Mountain High School in Mesa. Tickets are \$12 and \$18 and all tickets are reserved seating. Tickets are available now at www.jonschmidt.ticketleap.com

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Celebrate the Birth of Christ with Mesa Temple Gardens Light Display

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

This year, when Church members and friends from the community Celebrate the Birth of Christ in Lights and Music with the annual Mesa Temple Gardens Lights Display, they will notice a few changes from years past. Most noticeable among those changes will be the staging and schedule of the free concerts.

Started more than 30 years ago, the annual lights display is known as one of the largest volunteer-driven

Christmas lights displays in the country. According to temple volunteer, Dee Hobbs, the event is specifically designed to convey a message of peace and goodwill and to share the true message and the wonder of the Christmas season.

Brother Hobbs, who is directing the placement of the lights for the eighth year, says, "Every year we change things a little."

This year there will be new dis-

plays in some of the flower beds and new colors, he says.

He explains that thousands of hours go into creating the stunning exhibit of lights and unique and interesting patterns, with lights in the gardens along the ground, and others high overhead in the tall palm trees.

"We start October 10, with Bert Britton and Lamon Wimmer, who use the 65-foot lift to do the palm trees," he says. "From there we go to the rest

of the trees and finish those before Halloween."

The grounds are then divided into 42 areas. "Each area is the responsibility of a different stake," Brother Hobbs says.

Along with the beautiful lights, the exhibit includes outdoor displays, including a large nativity display. In addition, life-size replicas depict Mary

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Again this year, beautiful lighting throughout the garden areas, as well as the exhibit of international nativity scenes inside the Visitors' Center, will draw thousands of people to the Mesa Temple Garden Christmas Lights Display.



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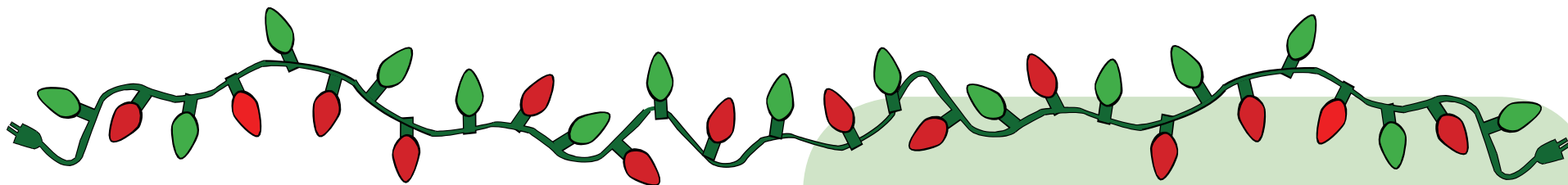
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and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem, a shepherd with his sheep and the Biblical prophet Isaiah, who prophesied of Christ's birth.

Inside the Visitors' Center an international nativity display will showcase large sets by well-known artists and a unique collection of miniatures as well. Susan Fuller, of the Twelve Oaks 3rd Ward, Tempe South Stake, and her committee, Leslie Smith, Kim Christensen, and Shelly Heward are responsible for the annual display.

"We are on a four-year rotation," Susan explains, "so some of the sets will be brand new and the others have not been included in the display for at least four years."

This year's display will include a Hummel set from Germany, a large set by Giuseppe Armani, a Nao set, as well as a section of nativities portraying or depicted by children.

Also featured will be a unique collection of miniatures, and a tree decorated with nativity ornaments. New this year will be a collection of paper nativities, including sets from Greece, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

In addition to seeing the nativity display, those who go inside the Visitors' Center can view a 13-foot marble replica of the original Christus sculpture, audiovisual presentations, exhibits and dioramas, as well as a 10-minute film depicting the birth of Christ.

Free outdoor concerts again be part of the lights display. However, this year, concerts will be performed at 7 p.m. only from Thursday, December 1 through Sunday, December 25 and will be moved to the north side of the Mesa Temple Visitors' Center. For a complete list of concerts, go to www.mesachristmaslights.com.

"We are thrilled to be able to share the event with the community again this year and we welcome all that choose to celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season with us," says Elder Dave LeSueur, Area Seventy.

The temple gardens will be lit from 5:30 until 10 p.m. November 26 through January 1, 2012. During the weeks of the lights display, the Visitors' Center will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day.

For details about the lights display, call 480.964.7164 or visit www.mesachristmaslights.com.

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Dec 7	ASU Institute Choir
Dec 8	A Sacred Christmas with George Dyer
Dec 9	The Noble Family Strings
Dec 10	Christmas Children's Choir with Jenee Prince
Dec 11	St. Anne's Catholic Church/Gilbert Stake Choir
Dec 12	Chordaires of Sun Lakes
Dec 13	Mountain View High School Chorale
Dec 14	Mesa High School A Cappella Choir
Dec 15	Sacred Christmas Piano – Mary Ellen Loose
Dec 16	Deseret Choir
Dec 17	Spirit of Phoenix – Men's Barbershop
Dec 18	Voices One – Classical Women's Trio
Dec 19	2•5•9 – Men's A Cappella
Dec 20	East Valley Horn Quartet
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The Phoenix Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society welcomes all LDS attorneys to participate in networking, educational events and service opportunities. Shown here at one of their chapter meetings are Don Fletcher, Board Member; Mark Cannon, First Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice Warren Berger of the U.S. Supreme Court; Christy Smith, Board Chair; Sara Holyoak, ASU law student and recipient of the chapter's scholarship.

LAW SOCIETY REACHES OUT TO LDS ATTORNEYS IN PHOENIX

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

The Greater Phoenix Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society offers LDS attorneys across the Valley an opportunity to be involved in the community and become educated about current issues while enjoying the association with others.

"There is a saying among LDS attorneys that we feel a little strange among other attorneys because we are 'one of those Mormons' and we feel a little bit strange among Church members because we are 'one of those attorneys; but, with the law society, I am right at home with others like me,'" says Christy Smith, current chair of

the board of the Phoenix chapter.

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society (JRCLS) is an international legal society and is sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Membership is free and open to all LDS attorneys, whether currently practicing or not.

"Unfortunately, our society's name often gives the impression that we are the BYU Law School's alumni association. Rather, we are the Church's legal society for all LDS attorneys no matter where they went to law school," says board member, John Skabelund.

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ANWA Announces 20th Annual Writers Conference, "Time Out for Writers"

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

The American Night Writers Association (ANWA) will celebrate its 20th annual writers conference, February 23 to 25, 2012, at the Hilton Hotel in Mesa.

"The conference is open to all writers, male or female. You don't have to be a member of the LDS Church to attend," says ANWA founder, Marsha Ward.

The conference will feature classes for all level of writers, from beginners to those ready to publish. The keynote speaker will be Lisa Mangum, assistant editor at Deseret Book/Shadow Mountain.

Attendees will have the opportunity to pitch their manuscripts to agents and editors, including: Jane Dystel, of Dystel and Goderich Literary Agency; Anita Mumm of the Nelson Literary Agency; Linda Mulleneaux of Walnut Springs; Lisa Mangum of Deseret Book and Linda Radke, owner of Five Star Publishers.

Other workshop presenters include

Joshua Perkey, Senior Editor, Ensign Magazine; Janette Rallison, award-winning author of young adult fiction; Peggy Shumway, author and former Family History Consultant; Brent Whiting, journalist and English professor; Conrad Storad, award-winning author of nonfiction and children's picture books; Deirdra Coppel, author, illustrator, and graphic designer; Donna Hatch, author of historical romance and fantasy; Joyce DiPas-tena, author of mystery, adventure and "sweet" romance in the Middle Ages; Larry Brooks, author, blogger and writing teacher; Matt Peterson, copywriter; Sandra Hendrickson, teacher, songwriter and author; Sara Fujimura, author, magazine/essay writer; Serena Freewomyn, Web/blog and social network expert and Wendy Peterson, poet and English teacher.

For more information: <http://www.anwa-lds.com> or email anwa-events@anwa-lds.com

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Sister Smith agrees. A member of the Biltmore Ward, Phoenix East Stake, Sister Smith has worked on Governor Jan Brewer's legal team for a number of years. In April, Governor Brewer appointed her as General Counsel over the Department of Administration. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in political science from Arizona State University; and, while she received her juris doctorate degree, cum laude, from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, she stresses, "The law society is not at all just for BYU alums. One of my biggest concerns as chair is to make sure everyone who should be a member knows about the society and sees what we have to offer."

Brother Skabelund says, among the various chapters around the world, the Greater Phoenix Chapter "continues to lead the way with many outstanding events and contributions."

Chief among the events are chapter meetings with luncheon speakers who

share insight into topics of interest. The chapter also periodically hosts breakfast and dinner events. Past speakers have included Chairman of the National Organization for Marriage, Maggie Gallagher; The Honorable Monroe McKay on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; Elder Jim L. Wright, Area Seventy and local attorney; and Elder Gerald N. Lund.

In addition to education, the chapter provides service opportunities as well.

"Salt Lake has extended a challenge, an invitation to all LDS attorneys to be of assistance to priesthood leadership at the local level," says Sister Smith. "Several members of our chapter have volunteered to act as a pro bono resource. When working with their members, it's a great tool for bishops and stake presidents when they need to just be able to talk to an attorney and ask questions about how to navigate the system."

For more information about JRCLS, visit: <http://www.jrcls.org/>. The JRCLS site has a link for the Phoenix chapter, or, to contact Christy Smith for more information email phxjrcls@gmail.com or call 602-460-5500.

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Groundbreaking for a new Stake Center Celebrated

By Valerie Ipson
The Beehive

Hyms, prayers, speeches and gold-painted shovels marked the ceremonial groundbreaking for a new stake center in Sahuarita, located south of Tucson. The event culminated years of searching for a suitable site, begun first by the Tucson Arizona Stake and continued by the Sahuarita Stake, which was formed in 2009.

While the new stake initially had no stake center, soon after it was organized, Church officials were pleased to learn of an owner willing to sell prime property located southwest of the Town Hall. Year-long negotiations followed by another year of garnering city approval finally brought the Latter-day Saints of the area closer to having their own stake center.

The facility will be the second building serving members in the Sahuarita and Green Valley area. The floor plan will be one common to most stake centers, but the



Photo by Donna Elam

At the groundbreaking for the new Sahuarita Stake center, with an artist's rendition of the building, are (l to r) Gregg Johnson, first counselor in the stake presidency; Thane Hardy, stake president and Brent Martin, second counselor in the stake presidency.

exterior will be a Spanish Colonial style to match the style of the Town

Center, which is in the Rancho Sahuarita development.

Organized in June of 1968, the

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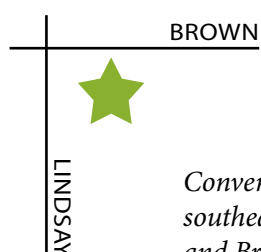


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first branch of the Church in the area met in an old schoolhouse. The branch became a ward in February 1976 and a new building was dedicated later that year.

Currently, five wards meet in the Sahuarita area, sharing one small building. Two other wards meet in Tucson meetinghouses. Another building in the stake serves the ward in Nogales. With about 3,500 members in the stake, and over 2,000 who live in Sahuarita itself, the stake center will be of tremendous benefit to the Saints.

President Gregg Johnson, first counselor in the Sahuarita stake presidency, says, "The building will have a tremendous impact on missionary work and will only help the many missionaries already serving in the area. We have two zones in our stake, a Spanish-speaking zone and an English-speaking zone. We work hard to keep over 20 missionaries very busy."

The groundbreaking was attended by over a hundred people and included dignitaries from both the Church and the town, from Rancho Sahuarita, which sold the land to the

church, and the Sahuarita School District, which is building a campus nearby.

The location of the stake center within the Town Center means that it can share parking lots of the nearby Town Hall and Sahuarita Education Campus since the buildings will normally be in use at different times.

The mayor, Duane Blumberg, and Tom Murphy, who directs Rancho Sahuarita, both spoke during the ceremony, sharing many details about the Church in their speeches. The mayor called the Church members "investors" in the community.

Architect Bruce Call also spoke, as did Scott Downs who represented the Sahuarita School District. Sahuarita Stake President Thayne Hardy concluded the meeting before the actual groundbreaking.

After the formal ceremony, families and children were allowed to break ground using large and small shovels. President Johnson noted, "Many pictures were taken, it was a terrific afternoon. Though it was stormy in parts of Tucson, the event was marked by beautiful Arizona weather."

New Book Shares *Secrets of Survival*

For approximately 40 years, Danell Tarwater has been regularly called on to share information about emergency preparedness and survival.

She has lived the principles in her own home and has taught classes to family, Church members and at Mesa Community College. Danell has been extremely active in Church service and in the community. She and her husband, Bob, are parents of eight and have 41 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Now, she has compiled her extensive research and information into one book, *Secrets of Survival: The No Panic Guide for any Disaster*.

"In teaching classes all those years, my intent has always been to help as many people as possible to learn how to survive," she says. "This book has become one more

way for me to do that."

Her book streamlines and organizes a huge amount of information so it is easy to find when needed. Most of all, it's meant to help individuals prepare for what's ahead.

"We are witnessing many prophecies come to pass as we see serious problems and calamities of one kind or another occurring almost every day, all over the world," Danell says. "I truly believe, we *will* need to know this information."

"I am happy to finally have all this information in *one place*," says Danell.

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Bestselling Book Tells Readers How to Prosper

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Prosperity gurus, Ethan Willis and Randy Garn are Utah business owners and the authors of *Prosper: Create the Life You Really Want*, (Berrett-Koehler, 2011) which was released in early October and hit the New York Times bestsellers list in a matter of days.

Their ties to Arizona run deep.

Ethan says, "My in-laws live there, Jeff Kempton, our director of public relations is from there and we have several stellar students from Arizona who have used the principles we

teach."

For Arizonans and others across the country, they hope their book has a marked effect.

"With this book," they write, "we intend to do more than help you understand the nature of prosperity. We intend for you to become more prosperous."

The instructive, interactive book is based on their 12 years' experience as providers of one-to-one personalized education and mentoring in investing and in career and personal develop-

ment, through their Provo-based company, also called Prosper.

They say they have uncovered six practices that are key to lasting money and happiness.

"There are no real shortcuts or get-rich-quick schemes," the authors say. "But with the right compass and roadmap and rigorous work, you can do more than long for prosperity—you can achieve it."

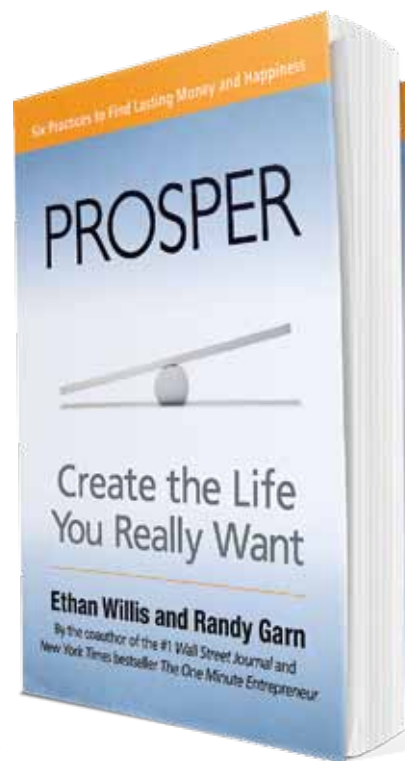


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The recently released book, *Prosper: Create the Life You Really Want*, by Utah business owners, Ethan Willis and Randy Garn, hit the bestselling lists on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, USA Today and the New York Times, within the first month of publication.

Kenneth and Sheree W, from Moenci, Arizona, say they have found the benefits of applying these principles.

"By using the techniques taught

by our Finance coach and the information throughout the program, we have been able to pay off two credit cards totaling \$7935.08, become aware of our daily spending habits, and are looking into ways to supplement our income so that we may beat our 'financial freedom' payoff goal date of 8 1/2 years. ... We are forever grateful for discovering the Prosper program.

Individuals can discover their own current baseline as well as their prosperity goals, by taking an online Prosperity Assessment at www.prosperbook.com/assessment.

"The assessment generates a graph and accompanying materials that give you a comprehensive picture of your level of prosperity," Ethan and Randy write.

With this report as a baseline, Prosper readers have found that, along with quotes and stories to illustrate each point, the book includes concrete instructions for making that particular Prosperity Practice a reality, and exercises that can be completed online.

"'Prosper' is an action guide," Ethan and Randy explain. "Soon your life will be aligned with the core of your being, you will have a deep understanding of what you need to be happy, and you'll know how to hold to that vision—and you will truly prosper."

The authors encourage readers to "go for it," stressing that: "True prosperity is waking up every morning knowing that the way you make a living is true to who you are. It is a balance of money and happiness. It is sustainable. You don't fall victim to the boom/crash syndrome that afflicts so many people. It is knowing exactly what you need to be happy: financially, spiritually, and physically."

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New DVD explores events leading up to the Second Coming of Christ

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

After more than a decade of study and observation, Bible scholar, Lowell Taylor shares his insights about the Second Coming of Christ in a recently released DVD presentation titled “God and Our Future,” which is now available at Deseret Book.

In his extensive research, Brother Taylor examined the accounts of both John the Revelator and the prophet Daniel, who saw and described a succession of eight kings leading up to the return of Christ in glory.

“They both saw the same eight kings,” Brother Taylor says. “Daniel even told us which country they are from and described the last five kings and the roles they play up to the return of Jesus Christ in glory.”

Specifically, the DVD explores the idea of these eight Kings of Persia, and speculates on who they may refer to in our day.

For example, Brother Taylor points out that Daniel chapter 11 states the kings are from “Persia” (which is now Iran). He then makes his case that Ayatollah Khamenei’s wealth, leadership, and actions are in direct fulfillment of the prophecies relating to the fourth king.

Lowell says, “This is the key. Once we have a person and series of events that match last-days prophecy, such as Khamenei, we know where we are within the prophetic events and what other prophetic events will follow.”

He further asserts, “There is no reason to expect the rest of the prophetic events will not also be fulfilled. A new chapter in the earth’s history has begun. From here on, there will be no more major gaps of prophetic kings and events leading up to the return of Christ in glory.”

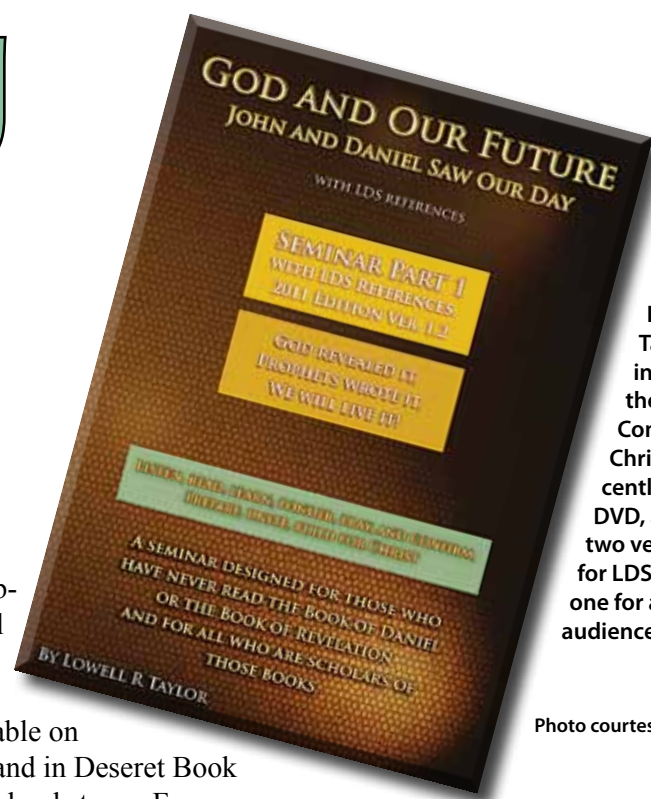
In the DVD, over a dozen connections and correlations are made and over 30 prophetic events are organized in general chronological order. Lowell believes that, for the first time, many Christians of various denominations will be able to look at the information he presents and agree on which of the eight kings is ruling today. He says the presentation is designed for those who have never read the Book of Daniel or the Book of Revelation and for all who are scholars of those books as well.

Although Brother Taylor admits that time will be the true test, he says, “Prophecies are given for advance knowledge and warning and to help us draw closer to Christ and prepare.”

Lowell attended Ricks College and BYU and served an LDS mission in the Missouri Independence Mission. Currently, he and his wife, Christine, and five of their eight children, live in Gilbert, where they are members of the Redfield Ward, Mesa Boulder Creek

Stake.

The DVD, “God and Our Future,” distributed by Digital Legends and Keep USA Great, is available on Amazon.com and in Deseret Book and other LDS bookstores. For more information, visit GodandOurFuture.com.



Bible scholar, Lowell Taylor, shares insights about the Second Coming of Christ, in a recently released DVD, available in two versions, one for LDS viewers and one for a Christian audience.

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Families Turn VACATION TIME into a Life-Changing SERVICE Opportunity

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

The world has thousands of tourist attractions and getaway destinations. However, for an experience that is truly life-changing, you may want to consider a family service vacation, says Douglas Maughan, Ed.D.

Doug, a resident of Cache Valley, Utah, and owner of LDS World Travel, organizes family service vacations to Honduras and Nicaragua for the Mesa-based nonprofit, One Life at a Time (OLAAT).

"Our family service vacations will bring your family together and create memories that will last forever," he says.

The weeklong vacations allow families an opportunity to provide necessary aid, mingle with the people of the country and see some of the sights as well.

"We take a lot of doctors and dentists and their families, and we especially need people with an agricultural background, but whoever goes, we can put to work and use whatever talents and skills they bring," Doug says.

A doctor from Gilbert, Dr. Kipling Sharpe, says:

"For many years, I have sat on the sidelines as my partners and col-

leagues have traveled to less privileged areas to provide medical service. I have had the desire to do the same, but have never wanted to leave my family to do it. It had been my plan to do this after my kids were out of the home or at least were old enough to fend for themselves," he says.

He attended an OLAAT presentation.

"As I listened, I was prompted that this was something I needed to do. The moment this opportunity presented to do medical service and have my family participate, I was hooked," he says.

While in Ecuador, Dr. Sharpe performed a hip replacement, saw patients in a temporary clinic set up in a stake center there and taught a class on preventing infection in surgery to a small group of orthopedic surgeons.

His family helped to paint the rooms of the OLAAT school. They also got to visit a home for malnourished children and spent a day at the Pulhapanzak scenic waterfall.

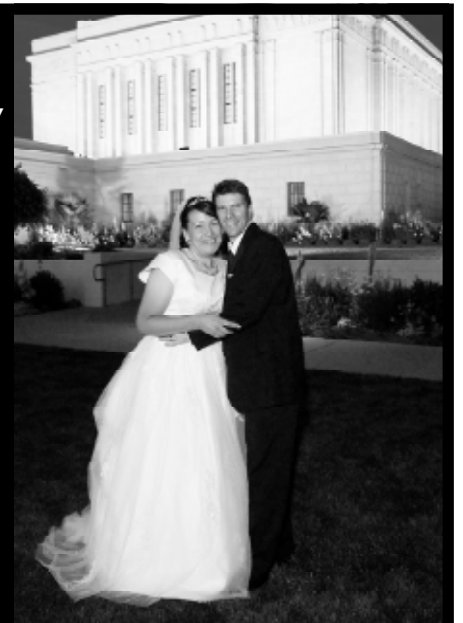
"Each of our lives had been touched in a different, yet positive way by the experiences we shared," Dr. Sharpe says.

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Vacation Time Service Opportunity
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Brett Rydalch, OLAAT executive director. “Families who go are not simply going in, completing a project and then leaving. They are helping to ‘teach a man to fish’ so to speak. Our family service vacations are part of a big-picture approach that is working to reverse the cycle of poverty in third world countries.”

In Honduras and Nicaragua, OLAAT runs three schools, called the Business Institute of Technology (BIT). Students, most of whom are returned missionaries, receive training in computers, English, accounting and marketing—skills required for success in a country where unemployment rates are rapidly rising.

“These students have to earn their education through service,” says Doug, “so, when we take families on these vacations, they end up working side by side with these students.”

He says, the reason behind family service vacations boils down these words from Joseph Smith: “A man filled with the love of God is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race.”

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Catherine Sharpe, the daughter of Dr. Kipling Sharpe, of Gilbert, enjoys her time in Honduras where her family went for a family service vacation to benefit the Mesa-based organization known as One Life at a Time.

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Love of the Gospel and of People Motivate Secretary of State Ken Bennett

By John Smith
The Beehive

Ken Bennett has served as a four-term state lawmaker, state senate president, a member and president of the Arizona State Board of Education, and a member of the State Charter School Board. He served four years on the Prescott City Council, and, currently, he is Arizona's Secretary of State—a remarkable career in public service by any measure.

Bennett, who is a member of the Gateway Ward, Phoenix East Stake, says the secret of his success comes down to one thing:

Chocolate.

"It was the morning of first day of my first legislative session [in the state senate]," Brother Bennett explains. "There were people all around—lawmakers, lobbyists, family members—lots of new faces. And I asked myself, 'How can I get to know these people?' I looked over at the credenza in my office and see a trivial pursuit game about Arizona history that I received from my mom after the election," Brother Bennett says. "And suddenly, I have the idea of asking a question from the game on the Senate floor every day, and giving some chocolate to whoever answers it."

Later that day, Brother Bennett did just that.

"Suddenly, all of the senators are jumping over their desks and there's this mad chaotic scene on the floor of the senate," Brother Bennett recalls. "I knew I had a hit."

Four years and hundreds of chocolate bars later,

Brother Bennett was elected senate president. Today, Brother Bennett has ascended to the second-highest elected office in the state. As Secretary of State, he serves as Arizona's chief elections officer, registers all trade names and trademarks, and serves as the acting governor in the governor's absence.

Brother Bennett's success can be attributed to more than just chocolate. His efforts to live the Gospel, as well as his natural regard for other people have earned him the respect of his colleagues and the public.

The oldest of seven children, Brother Bennett was born in 1959 in Tucson. Soon after his birth, his parents moved the family to Prescott, where he was raised.

He served an LDS mission in southern Japan from 1978 to 1980 and upon his return attended Arizona State University, graduating with a degree in accounting. More importantly, it was at ASU that Brother Bennett met his wife, the former Jeanne Tenney. From 1985 until 2006, Brother Bennett was CEO of Bennett Oil, a family-owned fuel distribution company based in Prescott.

Brother Bennett was inspired by his family's public service. His father served on the Prescott City Council and one of his great grandfathers served in public office as the first mayor of Glendale.

"I was raised by parents who were active in the community and, as a result, I've always had an inter-



Photo courtesy of the Arizona Secretary of State office

Latter-day Saint, Ken Bennett, as Arizona's Secretary of State, holds the state's second-highest elected office.

est in being involved and making things better." In the opinion of at least one of his colleagues, Brother Bennett has succeeded. "Ken is one of the most gracious and statesman-like elected officials I have ever worked with," says Laura Knaperek, a former state lawmaker who served with Brother Bennett when he was senate president.

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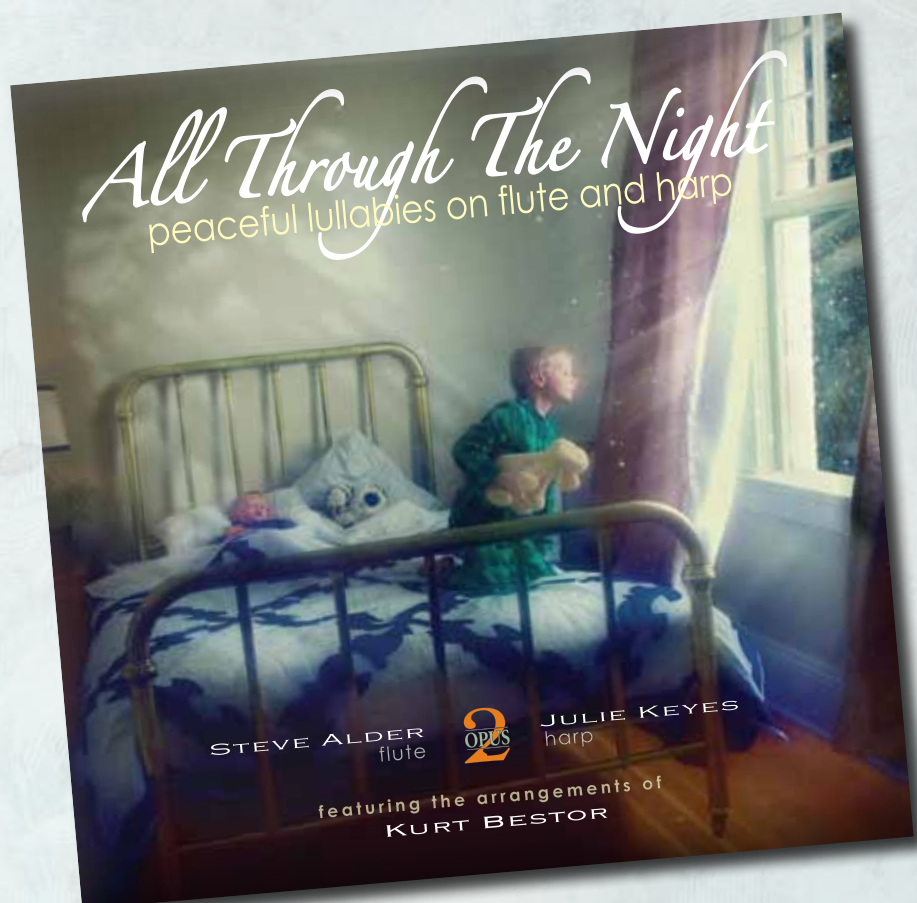
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'Suiting Up' Missionaries for 60 Years

By John Smith
The Beehive

The year was 1951 and America was in transition. World War II had ended just six years earlier and the Cold War was beginning to heat up. Harry Truman was in the White House and the Korean War was entering its second year.

And, in a peaceful, downtown Mesa, a young entrepreneur named Wayne Pomeroy was opening a men's clothing store.

Now, 60 years later, Pomeroy's is a Mesa landmark and remains one of the most iconic and enduring symbols of the city's history and heritage.

"I'm sure when the store opened, even Wayne had no idea what he was starting," says Pomeroy's manager, Doug Wimmer.

Pomeroy's has the unique distinction of having "suited up" not just thousands, but tens of thousands of missionaries over the years, who have turned to Pomeroy's for their clothing needs prior to leaving for the mission field. "I would estimate that we've clothed 35,000 to 40,000 missionaries," says Wimmer.

A member of the Ray 3rd Ward, Chandler Arizona Stake, Brother Wimmer has worked for Pomeroy's for 16 years. His career with the store began just two weeks after his return from serving a mission in Nagoya Japan. For the last 15 years, he has worked as the store's manager and buyer.

Pomeroy's originally catered to men looking for formal wear. In the early 1980s, Brother Pomeroy shifted the emphasis from men's clothing to missionary attire.

With its returned-missionary sales staff, Pomeroy's offers prospective missionaries a shopping experience they can't get anywhere else.

"We have prospective missionaries come into our store who have never lived in different climates," Brother Wimmer says. "Our staff has served in a variety of different locations across the globe, making them uniquely qualified to tell prospective missionaries exactly what kind of clothing they'll need to stay comfortable."

As an example, Wimmer reports that a young man and his mother



Photo by Karl Bolinder

Pomeroy's manager Doug Wimmer (l) and owner Wayne Pomeroy continue the tradition of customer service, quality and pricing that have made Pomeroy's an icon as the go-to store for outfitting Arizona missionaries.

recently came to the store after he had been called to the Pocatello Idaho Mission. "One of our sales staff had served in that mission and was able to make recommendations based on his experience in Pocatello. That's a service other clothing stores simply cannot offer."

Another unique characteristic of Pomeroy's is its discounts to members of the Church serving in full-time or temple positions.

"We offer discounts to missionaries, temple workers, bishops and stake

presidents. And, if the prophet came in, we'd give him a discount, too," Brother Wimmer says with a laugh.

After 60 years in business, and clothing more than 35,000 missionaries, the Pomeroy's philosophy is still the same.

"Because he served in World War II, Wayne did not have an opportunity to serve a mission," Brother Wimmer explains. "So he sees the store as his mission. He's always felt like this was his way of helping."

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From the Editor's Desktop

By Cecily Markland

The Not-so-cowardly Lions Among Us

Courage.

Those of the Cowardly Lion ilk may have a handle on it, but seeing the movie, "Courageous," made me wonder, "Do I?"

"Courageous," from the makers of "Fireproof," is not what Hollywood is used to. Its messages of family, faith and fortitude are just not all-that popular among the glitz and glamour crowd.

The movie depicts four friends who, as law enforcement officers, have a mission: to protect and serve. Yet, the four face a challenge that none of them is truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood.

In the midst of a particularly hard life lesson, the main character resolves that he wants to be more than just "good enough" as a father. He commits to raising the bar and to taking

full responsibility for himself and his family—and he put it in writing. He wants to not only "protect and serve" as a law enforcement officer but, more importantly, to protect and serve his family. He chose to be "Courageous."

In the Church, we also call it being "valiant." We talk about being "steadfast and immovable," "keeping covenants" and "being a light on the hill." We talk about it, we hold our hands to the square in support of the leaders, and we promise—and re-promise every week—to continue to courageously take upon us the name of Christ and to live as He would live.

Like me, you've most likely seen Lion-style courage among us.

Courage, in the lives of those, who, in the public square, take a stand for "marriage between a man and a woman," not because they're discrimi-

natory and hateful, but because they heed the words of the Proclamation on the Family and its urging: "We call upon responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society."

Courage, in an 88-year-old sister who opened a used bookstore (on Mesa Drive and 1st Avenue in Mesa) to sell books, but, even more, so she could courageously testify of the gospel, give away copies of the Book of Mormon and invite nonmembers to know more. Are you up to 60 copies so far, Sister Schlie?

Courage, in an author who shares his own addiction experience and offers tools to help others courageously slay their dragons, and truly be "in recovery," once and for all. You inspire

me, Roger Stark.

Courage, in youth who choose the right, and in parents who strive to keep families together.

Courage, in those who are infirm, handicapped or alone, and yet see with healthy eyes the goodness and blessings of God.

Toward the end of "Courageous," the main character challenges every father to "courageously step up," and to "be a visual representation of God."

On Tuesday, November 3, at a BYU Devotional, President Thomas Monson put it this way: "Ours is the responsibility to keep our lights aflame and burning brightly that they might shine for others to see and follow."

And, before that, Joseph Smith challenged: "Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren; and on, on to the victory!"

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Rhyme and Reason

By Linda Turley-Hansen

Our Children will Soon Take their Place on the Front Lines

America's youth are moving to the front lines. However, most Millennials won't be seen in provocative protests such as the Wall Street sit-ins. Many are still in training in their homes, schools and churches for their battles between good and evil, yet to come.

These youth have many names besides Millennials: The Echo Boomers, New Boomers, Trophy Kids and Generation Y's; and, among the LDS: "Sons and daughters of Helaman." Society hasn't settled on one title, but there are 80 million beginning to take their place in the adult world (Wikipedia). Most couldn't know what's ahead for them.

Pew Research tells us 64 percent of American youth still believe in God, though that number has slipped from a few years ago. My husband and I

recently taught Sunday School classes in Queen Creek, filled with 16- and 17-year-olds, respectful and courteous. Radical social media rarely reflect images of that base population. Perhaps we shall call them "spirit warriors in training."

We know what Biblical prophecy tells us about the "last days." Plus, there are many other resources available, which confirm what we sense. An excellent source is written by renowned historians William Strauss and Neil Howe. In their *The Fourth Turning* (1997), they predicted our current world crisis and recognize the important role of youth, "energetic and decisive," in influencing their communities and the world. Without a doubt, LDS youth will be major contributors. They are being prepared, like no other members of their generation.

Though the history of General George Washington is rare in today's classrooms, most Latter-day Saints know the portions that reveal from where he attained much of his inspiration. There are marvelous stories of his faith and character as he, like today's youth, stepped into his place in history.

This was a man who prayed his way to victory, fortifying his astonishing determination to attain America's independence. His inspired troops, many without shoes and provisions in the harshest conditions, followed him to victory.

Washington credited his God with the miracles in his life, but, guess who trusted her influence when her son left to serve his country. In her parting words, Mary Washington reminded him: "Remember that God is our only sure trust ... My son, neglect not the

duty of secret prayer."

Washington's story is a credible reminder of the role of parents and teachers with this in mind: This very generation, which is moving into its place in history, has seen "the highest divorce rates of its parents, the highest amount of children in foster care programs, and the highest amounts of child abuse cases in U.S. history" (Wikipedia). Still, the Millennials are civilization's hope. Washington fought for America's independence; today's youth will make way for Christ's return and their remarkable destiny.

We best do all we can to shore up each child. Let nothing slip away. Gift them all the good stuff in our restored gospel arsenal.

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IN THE MOMMY ZONE...

By Kristie Young Fairbanks

My eight-year-old daughter stands in the fading sunlight, her flaxen blonde hair glistening in the twilight, her starched, white dress gently flowing in the dusky breeze. She's glowing, radiant, and picturesque. Her piercing hazel eyes reflect the pure innocence of youth and her commitment to living life to the fullest.

Here I am, surrounded by family and friends, helping to celebrate a monumental day in her young life, a special day that will be remembered and treasured for years to come. I wonder where the time has gone. It must have flown by while I was changing diapers, singing lullabies, and cooking dinners. It snuck past as I was washing laundry, reading bedtime stories, and scrubbing bathtubs and tiles.

After birthing four boys, I was thrilled with the thought of having a girl. There was nothing frilly, lacy,

feminine, or pink in our staunch household of five males. I was excited to finally get to experience pretend tea parties, fancy dress-up stints, and to master the art of braiding hair. I could finally attend dance recitals, focus on ballet, and pull my old Barbies out of storage for waxing nostalgic.

But, while I was faithfully brushing up on my parenting skills, she gracefully blossomed and left me behind with my informational texts and blueprints in tow. What happened? Did she grow while I wasn't looking? I can't fathom the fact that eight years have passed since her delivery, so many brief, but precious years ago.

My mind is a blur with her memories and milestones. I cherish the glued-on macaroni masterpieces she created in preschool. I collect the annual Christmas ornaments she meticulously fashions each year in school, especially the ones donning her portrait with a toothless grin. Her

colorful sketches and ornate drawings plaster the refrigerator and fill pages of memory books.

Her Mother's Day poems, Valentine's Day hand-crafted cards, and paper mache trinkets line the edge of my clothes dresser in a proud display. There's a stack of meaningful portrayals of family members stored on my nightstand, a motley array of stick figures, with disproportionate heads and bodies, but nonetheless, cherished and valued.

In my mind's eye, I see her in the future. I desperately want to arrest Father Time, keep him locked up, tightly handcuffed, and securely imprisoned until I'm ready to let her go. But, reality strikes me squarely in the forehead and I'm forced to endure the endless fleeting of time as it marches onward and upward.

As I watch her, I am reminded of the tremendous blessings I have been given since her birth. It has

been a privilege to be her mother, to help soothe the pains and fears of her youth, to scare away the monsters under the bed, and to turn her night time pillow to the "good" dream side.

I was present for all of her "firsts," including her first lost tooth, her first words, her first smile, her first haircut, and her first dance with her father. I felt her first kick and vividly remember that first contraction. I was there, misty eyed, for her first day of school, for her first birthday party, for her first bicycle ride, and for her first attempt at swimming. She's my first daughter and first in my heart today.

My daughter was just baptized. She looks at me with a knowing grin that melts my heart and takes my breath away. All I can do is hope that the next eight years don't vanish as quickly because I'll be standing there, first in line, watching the rest of her magical life unfold, first things first.

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Jill B. Adair

"I'm a Mormon" info on church's website

"I'm a Mormon" is the national media campaign launched in October by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The campaign, which is running in Phoenix and a dozen other major cities, aims to start a conversation about the Church and its members through television spots, billboards, ads on buses and Internet promotions, according to a press release by Cindy Packard, Church spokesperson for the Phoenix metro area.

"The ads give a glimpse into the lives of Latter-day Saints from all over the world and refer people to the mormon.org website," she stated. "They can read the profiles of tens of thousands of Mormons, chat live with representatives who will answer questions about the faith and watch dozens of videos about members of the Church."

David F. Evans, executive director of the Church's Missionary Department, also stated in the release: "Our missionaries are known for knocking on doors to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, mormon.org gives people the opportunity to knock on our door through the Internet and ask members questions about our faith."

According to Sister Packer, the "I'm a Mormon" campaign will continue in the Phoenix area until February 2012.

My thought is, if our friends and neighbors are being directed to this website, it's important for us to become familiar with what's posted there.

Originally launched in 2001, mormon.org is a destination for people seeking online information about the Church. It's reported that nearly half a million people visit the site each month.

In the section, "Our People," members of the church are encouraged to create a personal profile "to share your beliefs and experiences in the gospel with those who are not of our faith."

With the help of a profile creation wizard, individuals can easily progress through the steps of creating their own page by uploading a photo and writing something about themselves. Visitors can search for people based on age,

gender, ethnicity and location.

For example, Margie, who lives in Arizona, when asked why she is a Mormon, wrote in her profile: "I have a testimony that the Church is the true Church of Jesus Christ and He is my Savior and Redeemer. He has guided me through all of my challenges and has carried me when I was low. I enjoy helping others and serving in the Church."

Members may also share personal

stories, answer specific questions and link to their Facebook and Twitter pages and personal blogs.

Under "Our Values," visitors find information on strengthening families, service to others, lifelong learning, humanitarian aid, good citizenship, family history work and more.

"Our Faith" outlines Church doctrine concerning Jesus Christ, God's plan of happiness, the Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith and the restoration

of the gospel.

Visitors may request a missionary visit or find a place of worship.

Editor's Note: This column is designed to provide Beehive readers with timesaving direction and ideas for safely and easily surfing the Internet. To suggest a topic for a future column or to share an interesting website with others, e-mail: 5adair@cox.net.

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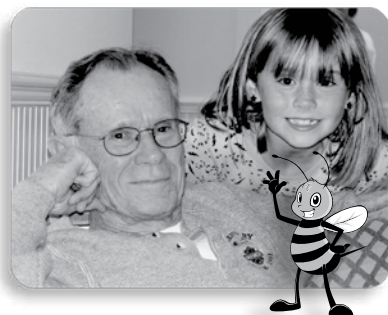
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A Single Story

by Michelle Thompson

Back To The Baton

While in high school a friend of mine discovered she had a mind for mathematics. In our junior year, she was asked to lead the math club. Recognizing the vast opportunities for college advancement, she accepted with enthusiasm. That is, until she realized cute boys don't make passes at girls in mathematics. So, she quit the math club and took up the baton. Two weeks later she had a boyfriend.

Since my divorce, I have been see-

ing a therapist to help me process the assorted issues that can befall one with a broken heart. Admittedly, it's been quite beneficial. I feel better, I think more clearly, and I am able to work through difficult emotions with awareness and grace.

As you can imagine, with such healthy perspective rattling around in my conscience, I was eager to leap back into the dating scene and try out my new heady attitude. Within a month I was meeting potential Second-Round-

Eternal-Companions but.... there was just one problem. As motivated and prepared as I may have been to explore a new relationship, the men I was dating were not.

Slightly deflated by this discovery, I had to take a moment and ponder my options: 1- If I choose to wait for the right companion to come along, I run the risk of being lonely. 2- If I choose what is here now, I run the risk of losing who I've worked so hard to become. You don't have to be a math-club-geek to see that neither option is all that optional. That then leaves one to wonder, in the particular situation, what does it mean to "choose the right"?

There is a poem by Robert Frost called, *The Road Not Taken*. The poem tells the story of a traveler who comes

upon two paths. Both look the same, but one is slightly less traveled upon. The traveler considers the possibilities of either road until the decision is made to embark on the one less traveled, "And that has made all the difference".

Whether on a marching band field or after a divorce, when one is on the journey for love and companionship, loneliness and compromise are the two paths most contemplated before travel, and therefore must be considered when pursuing and choosing a future mate. Because there is no easy way to approach a decision so emotionally complicated, I find it best to turn to those who have the experience I lack.

In 1976, Keith Merrill addressed the paths of compromise and loneliness by saying, "...Firstly, decide that you are important. ... A lot of you have fears and doubts. You're unsure, you're afraid, you're struggling for your identity, and you want to be accepted. These things can get you into wrong decision-making modes.The second decision you need to make is to decide never to compromise. That's the most reassuring decision you could make. And you only have to make it once".

Choosing the right kind relationship can be a difficult burden to bear. Nevertheless, if we take a moment to step back, and with a prayerful heart look at what is ahead, we might find *the road not taken* to be the best choice of all.

For comments and questions: single.story@yahoo.com

The soul would have no rainbows, if the eyes possessed no tears.



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Secretary of State Ken Bennett Continued from pg. 41

"He is almost universally admired by those he's worked with—a rare thing in today's political climate."

Likewise, Governor Jan Brewer's respect for Brother Bennett made him an ideal choice to replace her as secretary of state. "He is personable, has excellent leadership qualities and he uses those skills extremely well to reach across the aisle and bring people together around a specific cause," Brewer said at the time of his appointment.

Through it all, Brother Bennett remains humble and aware of the example he is setting as a member of the Church.

"The Gospel is an integral part of me and my life," Brother Bennett says. "Being a member of the Church causes me to have a very poignant understanding of how the example I live in my life is right in front of people in a very public way."

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Horne Kia in Gilbert Continues Reputation for Quality Products and Service

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Within just two years of its opening, Horne Kia in Gilbert has been recognized as one of the top 100 Kia dealerships in the country.

"We've really seen amazing growth," says Sam Cooper, general manager. "Our problem is that we can't get enough cars to grow any faster. It's been great, and we're still growing."

Sam says their success stems from a good name and good service.

"Both names—Horne and Kia—have a good reputation for value. Kia is committed to building a quality vehicle. Their product has improved every year," Sam says.

He adds that the Horne family has a great reputation as well, and a name associated with upright business practices and first-rate customer service.

The Horne family has been in Arizona for more than 100 years. Robert

Horne was partner with Henry & Horne, PLC, Arizona's largest independently owned accounting firm, which was co-founded by Robert's father, Gail.

Robert's first foray into the automobile business was in 1991 in Show Low, Arizona. Robert and sons—Aaron, Adam, Andrew, and son-in-law Martin Jones—have expanded the business across Arizona with dealerships that include the Horne Auto Center (Chevrolet, Cadillac, Subaru) and Horne Motors in Show Low; Horne Ford (Ford, Lincoln, Mercury) in Nogales; Horne Motor Company (Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, GMC, Pontiac, Buick, Nissan) in Globe; Horne Chevrolet in St. Johns; and Horne Hyundai in Apache Junction.

The Kia dealership in Gilbert opened in late summer 2009.

In addition to top-quality cars, Sam



Photo courtesy of Sam Cooper

Within two years since the dealership opened, quality automobiles, value pricing and "small-town" style customer service have combined to make Horne Kia in Gilbert one of the top 100 Kia dealerships in the country.

says the customer service at Horne Kia is especially noteworthy.

Their service department offers the full range of services on all makes and models—including brake jobs, battery replacement and oil changes; and all the services are "value priced," typically lower than at well-known chain repair shops.

Horne Kia is also "very aggressive on our car prices," Sam says. "All our used cars are at market or below."

"We also price match on our tires, so we guarantee you are getting the lowest prices," he says.

"Plus we have doughnuts and popcorn every day," Sam laughs. "It's all part of the Hornes' conservative values and the 'small town' way they do busi-

ness, always treating other people the way they like to be treated."

"Bottom line," Sam says, "we're the real deal. We're in business to serve our customers and to build our business through customer retention."

He says the results speak for themselves.

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Mesa Attorney Offers Solutions to Financial Issues & Estate Planning

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

In 2010, Arizona Business Magazine named Clint Smith one of the state's top bankruptcy attorneys.

Yet, Clint says he's not a bit sorry that he's now doing fewer bankruptcies and turning his emphasis to other things.

"Fortunately, with the economy, we've known there will be a time—and that is beginning—that bankruptcies won't be as common," he says. "With that shift, I'm able to get back to things that I had done for many years."

A member of the Glenview Ward, Mesa Kimball Stake, Clint has practiced in Mesa for 26 years. He says his focus now is on the "more positive" legal services, such as estate planning, wills and trusts. He also helps clients with corporate law issues, including creating limited liability corporations.

Clint graduated from BYU and he and his wife, Katherine, moved to Mesa in 1981. Clint completed a law

degree at ASU in 1985. He says, after practicing for a number of years, he became interested in helping people through financial crunches.

"It turned into a passion for me," he says.

He says his success stems from genuine concern and interest in his clients.

"I really care what happens," Clint says. "There are places where you show up and they don't know anything about you, but they push you into filing bankruptcy. I take time. I always ask upfront, 'What's your problem?' Then I try to fix that problem."

He adds, whether it is a bankruptcy or an estate planning issue, "I don't shove you into a little cubbyhole. I really analyze what you need."

For example, "Most people don't know it, but having a will doesn't cut it. A will does not avoid probate. Most people really do need a trust."

He continues "Another part that many don't consider is asset protection planning. With my experience as a bankruptcy lawyer and in financial planning, I can help clients with an honorable, legitimate way to protect their family and personal assets from potential liability related to business and other things."

Clint, indeed, has moved "beyond bankruptcy" and into other areas where he feels he can do even greater good. Now, with free seminars, he help his clients move "Beyond Bankruptcy" as well.

"With these free seminars, I help people understand things like when they can plan to buy a house again and how to rebuild their credit," he says.

In his typical customer-oriented manner, Clint says: "Come see me.



Photo by Kate Hamberlin

With the improving economy, Clint Smith, a Mesa attorney for 26 years, has shifted the focus of his practice from bankruptcies to estate planning, wills, trusts and corporate law.

We have a friendly office, a good staff and I love to help people. Let me help you," he says.

For information about the "Beyond Bankruptcy" seminars, call 480-807-9300 or go to www.bankruptcyazlaw.com/contact_us.html and fill out the form that is found on every page. To learn more about Clint's estate planning services, visit <http://estateplanningdr.com>.



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American Family Productions to present “Arizona Centennial: The Sounds of Statehood”

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Thousands of Arizona students will help commemorate the state’s centennial in February 2012, thanks to American Family Productions (AFP),

“I’ve been working on an exciting project that will allow Arizona students and their families from all over the state the opportunity to present our Arizona story on stage,” says AFP executive director, Jodi Flake, of Snowflake 8th Ward, Snowflake Stake.

AFP, a for-youth, nonprofit organization, will present the outdoor production, “Arizona Centennial: The Sounds of Statehood,” in the Mesa Rockin’ R Ranch amphitheater February 13 through 16, February 28, 29 and March 1 and on the Gilbert municipal center lawn February 20 through 22, 24 and 25.

“We are ecstatic that Rockin’ R Ranch and the Town of Gilbert are working with AFP to provide the staging areas for this spectacular show this February.”

AFP also plans to take the production on tour throughout Arizona during 2012. Arizona college and high school students and their families from each of the areas will perform in outdoor venues in Taylor, Flagstaff, Tempe, Jerome/Clarkdale.

“Our tour will be an extraordinary experience for those performing and those in the audience watching our spectacular Arizona story unfold,” Jodi says.

She adds she is especially pleased that the Arizona Centennial Commission has awarded AFP the “official sanctioned events” status.

AFP is committed to strengthen the family through the arts.

“I believe that one of the most promising ways to provide this service to our Arizona youth is to establish historic outdoor drama in our state,” Jodi says.

A music director in the White Mountain area for many years, Jodi Flake volunteered as the Silver Creek Little Theater President to present, “Washington: A Patriotic Pageant,” in Snowflake and Taylor in 2003 and 2004.

“Watching young people grow in confidence and skill while practicing and performing in wholesome productions is the thrill of my life,” she says. “When I was young, special adults

volunteered their time, so I would have many performance opportunities. To me, this is the ‘circle of talents,’ where we, as adults, share our talents with our youth, who will then share their developed talents, with their youth, when they are adults. And so the ‘circle of talents’ continues.”

Sister Flake finished her Masters of Music at ASU in 2010. Previous to “The Sounds of Statehood,” Jodi has written and produced five musicals. She loves writing historic outdoor dramas and melodramas. She is married to Keith Flake and they have 29

grandchildren.

She says, “We hope everyone will come see our fantastic historic outdoor drama in February and celebrate Arizona’s Centennial with American Family Productions.”

Note: See American Family Productions’ ad in this Beehive for information about auditions and performances, or email jodi_flake@frontiernet.net



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Jodi Flake, executive director with American Family Productions, says thousands of students will have a chance to help celebrate Arizona’s centennial by joining in the production of «Arizona Centennial: The Sounds of Statehood.»



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Revive family memories with

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By John Smith
The Beehive

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Brother McClure, a Mountain View High School graduate and a member of the Crossroads Park Ward, Gilbert Greenfield Stake, says he and his staff have specialized in transferring media since 2008, but their experience in video production goes back over 12 years.

"We did video production for weddings, commercials for small businesses and real estate advertising," Jared says.

When the economy went south in 2008, Jared moved the business in a different direction.

"For years, I had a lot of people come to me asking, 'Can you transfer this for me?'"

When the company made the shift to media transfer, the reaction was positive.

"There was a great response from the public," he says.

What sets Transfer for Less apart from competitors is the thoroughness and quality of their editing, Jared explains.

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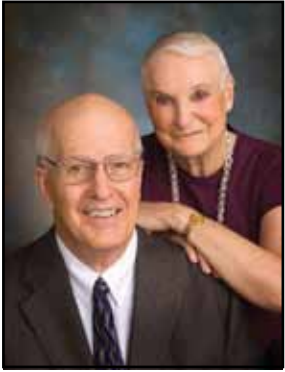
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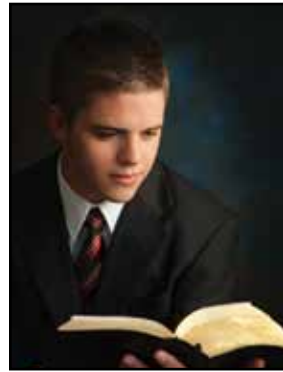
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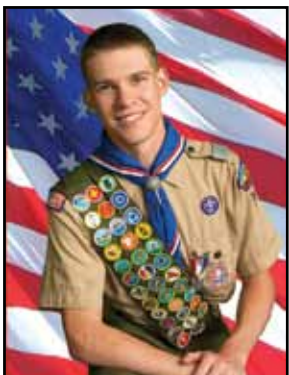
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